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In this Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019, file photo, workers hang banners on Mercedes-Benz Stadium in preparation for the NFL Super Bowl football game, in Atlanta. Atlanta leaders, police and federal officials plan to discuss public safety plans ahead of Super Bowl 53.

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## Super Bowl planners: Shutdown brings 'uncharted territory'

By JEFF MARTIN  
Associated Press

**ATLANTA (AP)** — A day after travelers waited nearly 90 minutes in snail-speed security lines at the world's busiest airport, Atlanta's mayor is concerned about the waits that could result when the city hosts the 2019 Super Bowl.

The ongoing partial government shutdown is "uncharted territory" amid planning for one of the world's biggest sporting events, Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms said Tuesday.

"Obviously, we are in uncharted territory with the shutdown that's gone on this long, and we are preparing as best we can from our vantage point," Bottoms said.

The mayor and others at a Tuesday news conference said two years of planning have them well-prepared to protect the public.

"Our goal is for our officers to be visible, for the public to feel safe, be safe, and be able to position ourselves so that we can react immediately to whatever scenario we are confronted with," Atlanta Police Chief Erika Shields said. "I think that with anything you can go in with a spirit of confidence if you have prepared, and we have prepared well."

But the government shutdown is a wild card that arose relatively late in that planning process.

"Certainly there are factors that we don't control such as what's happening with our federal government shutdown and with the long TSA lines," Bottoms said. "We are continuing to encourage people to get to the airport very early." The expected crush of travelers is significantly more than normal.

On a typical day, 60,000 to 80,000 passengers are screened at Atlanta's airport before departing, airport statistics show.

On Feb. 4, the day Bottoms calls "Mass Exodus Monday," about 110,000 passengers are expected to be departing from Atlanta's airport one day after the Super Bowl.

The partial government shutdown has meant missed paychecks for Transportation Security Administration screeners at airports nationwide.

TSA workers have been calling in sick at a rate that's been more than double what it normally is, the agency has said. That's led to a shortage of screeners at some airports across the country.

No-shows among screeners jumped Sunday and again

Monday.

The TSA had a national absence rate of nearly 7 percent Monday, compared to 2.5 percent on a comparable day a year ago, the agency reported Tuesday after getting complete numbers on the absences. A chaotic scene unfolded at Atlanta's airport on Monday, the first business day after screeners did not receive a paycheck for the first time.

Mondays are typically busy for the airport as Atlanta business travelers depart for the work week, and some security lanes went unstaffed as lines backed up.

Atlanta passengers led the nation Monday in terms of longest screening delays: The "maximum standard wait time" was 88 minutes, the TSA reported. Passengers who went through TSA PreCheck — an expedited screening program which is typically faster than regular lines — waited 55 minutes, statistics showed.

Friday could be the next big test for the nation's airports, as holiday travelers get away for the upcoming long holiday weekend. Martin Luther King Jr. Day is Monday. Friday is also typically a busy day for airports as business travelers head home for the weekend. □

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# The IRS is recalling 46,000 workers to handle tax returns

By MARCY GORDON

AP Business Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Internal Revenue Service is recalling about 46,000 of its employees furloughed by the government shutdown — nearly 60 percent of its workforce — to handle tax returns and pay out refunds. The employees won't be paid during the shutdown.

With the official start of the tax filing season coming Jan. 28, the Trump administration has promised that taxpayers owed refunds will be paid on time, despite the disruption in government services caused by the partial shutdown now in its fourth week.

There had been growing concern that the shutdown would delay refunds worth hundreds of billions of dollars because the money wouldn't be available for them from Congress. But last week, the administration said customary shutdown policies will be reversed to make the money available to pay refunds on time.

An IRS document detailing its new shutdown plan shows that 46,052 agency employees will be called back to work, of the total workforce of 80,265. It says the plan will take effect as soon as the Treasury Department issues an official notice.

Only about 10,000 employees are deemed essential and have been working.

Some 800,000 federal employees have been furloughed or are working without pay. President Donald Trump didn't budge Tuesday from his demand to have Congress provide \$5.7 billion to build his promised border wall with Mexico. Democrats say they will discuss border security once the government has reopened, but House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is refusing money for the wall Democrats view as ineffective and immoral.

About three-quarters of U.S. taxpayers receive annual refunds, giving them an incentive to file their returns early. Many lower-income people count on refunds as

their biggest cash infusion of the year. Overall, refunds average \$2,800.

The issue is politically sensitive. The massive tax law enacted by Republicans in Congress in late 2017, which is President Donald Trump's signature legislative achievement, gave generous tax cuts to corporations and the wealthiest Americans and more modest reductions to middle- and low-income households. The law is expected to bring lower taxes for 2018 for the great majority of Americans, and the refunds are a big tangible part of that. Trump told supporters on a conference call Tuesday that his administration has been working to minimize the painful impacts of the shutdown. "People are actually amazed that, with this many people, that government is really working so well. So we're very proud of that," he said.

Angered over employees having to work without pay, the union representing IRS staff sued in federal court last week to challenge any such agency action on constitutional grounds. The Constitution doesn't allow the government to obligate funds that haven't been provided by Congress, and the executive branch "can't continue to force more and more employees to show up in exchange only for an IOU," the National Treasury Employees Union said.

On Tuesday, a federal judge rejected the union's challenge, declining to force the government to pay the recalled employees.

Some experts question whether the administration has the legal authority to reverse earlier policies to allow the government to issue tax refunds during a shutdown.

In 2011, the chief counsel at the IRS concluded that such payments were legally allowed during a shutdown. At the time, the White House Office of Management and Budget, under President Barack Obama, rejected that position and directed the IRS



IRS worker Angela Gran, center, and others participate in a federal workers protest rally outside the Federal Building, Thursday, Jan., 10, 2019, in Ogden, Utah.

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not to pay refunds during a shutdown. But the IRS said last week that OMB had

reviewed the issue at the Treasury's Department's request and now agrees with

the IRS counsel's position that refunds can legally be paid. □



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## Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand jumps into 2020 presidential race

By JUANA SUMMERS

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand entered the growing field of 2020 Democratic presidential contenders Tuesday, telling television host Stephen Colbert that she's launching an exploratory committee.

"It's an important first step, and it's one I am taking because I am going to run," the New York senator said on "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert." She listed a series of issues she'd tackle as president, including better health care for families, stronger public schools and more accessible job training.

Gillibrand, 52, has already made plans to campaign in Iowa over the weekend, more than a year before the leadoff caucus state votes.



In this Oct. 25, 2018 file photo, Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., speaks during the New York Senate debate hosted by WABC-TV, in New York.

Associated Press

She joins what is expected to be a crowded primary field for the Democratic nomination that could feature more than a dozen candidates. Already, Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren has announced her own exploratory efforts, and decisions by a number of other senators are expected in the coming weeks.

Gillibrand, who was appointed to the Senate in 2009 to fill the seat vacated by Hillary Clinton, has been among the Senate's most vocal members on issues like sexual harassment, military sexual assault, equal pay for women and family leave, issues that could be central to her presidential campaign.

"I'm going to fight for other people's kids as hard as I would fight for my own,"

said Gillibrand, a mother of two sons, ages 10 and 15.

As she works to distinguish herself from likely rivals, Gillibrand will be able to draw from the more than \$10.5 million left over from her 2018 re-election campaign that she can use toward a presidential run.

Gillibrand pledged during her Senate campaign that she would serve out her six-year term if re-elected.

She will use Troy, New York, where she lives, as a home base for her presidential efforts. Near the end of their interview, Colbert presented Gillibrand with a basket of campaign gifts, including an ear of yellow corn to wave in Iowa, a piece of granite for New Hampshire and a one-of-a-kind button that reads "I announced on the Late Show with Stephen Colbert." □

## Senators ask FDA to update rules on certain pot products



In this April 24, 2018, file photo, the first rendering from hemp plants extracted from a super critical CO2 extraction device on its way to becoming fully refined CBD oil spurts into a large beaker at New Earth Biosciences in Salem, Ore.

Associated Press

By ANDREW SELSKY

**SALEM, Ore. (AP)** — Oregon's two senators on Tuesday urged the head of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to update federal regulations to permit inter-

state commerce of food products containing a key non-psychoactive ingredient of cannabis.

The appeal by Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley came after Congress legal-

ized the production and sale of industrial hemp and hemp derivatives, including cannabidiols, known as CBD. Wyden and Merkley had been behind a hemp provision that Congress passed and was included in the 2018 Farm Bill.

But after President Donald Trump signed the bill in December, FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb restated his agency's stance that CBD is a drug ingredient and therefore illegal to add to food or health products without his agency's approval. The FDA has sent warning letters to some companies making health claims for CBD.

In a letter to Gottlieb, the senators asked the FDA to update "outdated regulations" that prohibit food products containing CBD from being sold across

state lines.

"Farmers in Oregon and nationwide are poised to make real economic gains for their communities once these regulations are updated," they wrote. They said it was Congress' intent in the bill to ensure producers and consumers have access to hemp-derived products, including CBDs.

The Oregon Democrats asked the agency to clarify to the public several issues, including its authority in the production and marketing of hemp and its derivatives, and whether the FDA will consider issuing a regulation to allow hemp derivatives in food, beverages or dietary supplements that cross state lines.

CBD oils are increasingly popular in lotions, tinctures and foods. Proponents say CBD offers health benefits,

including relieving pain and anxiety.

Scientists note there have been few comprehensive clinical studies on how CBD affects humans. Harvard Medical School said the strongest scientific evidence is for its effectiveness in treating childhood epilepsy syndromes which typically don't respond to anti-seizure medications. The FDA recently approved the first ever cannabis-derived medicine for these conditions which contains CBD. Studies suggest CBD may also help those with insomnia to fall asleep and stay asleep.

Hemp looks like marijuana but contains less than 0.3 percent of THC, the compound that gives pot its high. Both hemp and marijuana are species of cannabis. □



# Filing: OxyContin maker forecast 'blizzard of prescriptions'

By ALANNA DURKIN RICHER  
and GEOFF MULVIHILL  
Associated Press

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The complaint says the Sackler family, which includes major donors to museums including the Smithsonian Institution, New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Tate Modern in London, was long aware its drug was dangerous and addictive but pushed more sales anyway.

A memo among family members in 2008 warned of a "dangerous concentration of risk" for the family, the complaint says. Years earlier, Richard Sackler wrote in an email that the company would have to "hammer on the abusers in every way possible," describing them as "the culprits and the problem."

Joanne Peterson, who runs a Massachusetts-based support network for the family members of people addicted to drugs, said Sackler's comments show a "blatant disregard for human life."

"He certainly hammered them six feet under," Peterson said. "I've been to more funerals than I can count in the last 15 years."

Purdue Pharma accused the attorney general's office of cherry-picking from millions of emails and documents to create "biased and inaccurate characterizations" of the company and its executives. The company said in a statement said it will "aggressively defend against these misleading allegations."



In this Aug. 17, 2018 file photo, family and friends who have lost loved ones to OxyContin and opioid overdoses protest outside Purdue Pharma headquarters in Stamford, Conn.

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The company also stresses that its drug is approved by federal regulators and prescribed by doctors; that it accounts for a small portion of opioids sold in the U.S.; and that illicit drugs including heroin and street fentanyl are causing most overdose deaths.

"In a rush to vilify a single manufacturer whose medicines represent less than two percent of opioid pain prescriptions rather than doing the hard work of

trying to solve a complex public health crisis, the complaint distorts critical facts and cynically conflates prescription opioid medications with illegal heroin and fentanyl," Purdue Pharma said.

Messages seeking comment were left with a spokeswoman for the Sackler family.

Massachusetts is the first state to personally name the company's executives in a complaint. □

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# Judge bars citizenship question from 2020 census

By **LARRY NEUMEISTER, Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — A federal judge blocked the Trump administration Tuesday from asking about citizenship status on the 2020 census, the first major ruling in cases contending officials ramrodded the question through for Republican political purposes to intentionally undercount immigrants.

In a 277-page decision that won't be the final word on the issue, Judge Jesse M. Furman ruled that while such a question would be constitutional, Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross acted in an "arbitrary and capricious" manner and violated the law.

"He failed to consider several important aspects of the problem; alternately ignored, cherry-picked, or badly misconstrued the evidence in the record before him; acted irrationally both in light of that evidence and his own stated decisional criteria; and failed to justify significant departures from past policies and practices," Furman wrote in a decision that squarely laid the blame on Ross.

Ross' explanations for his decision were "unsupported by, or even counter to, the evidence before the agency," the judge said.

Among other things, the judge said, Ross didn't follow a law requiring Congress be given three years'

notice of plans to add a citizenship question to the census.

"We are disappointed and are still reviewing the ruling," Justice Department spokeswoman Kelly Laco said in a statement. Ross has said the move was not politically motivated.

The ruling came in cases in which 18 states, the District of Columbia, 15 big cities or counties, and immigrants' rights groups argued that the Commerce Department, which designs the census, failed to properly analyze the effect that the question would have on households with immigrants.

Furman, citing Census Bureau estimates, concluded the citizenship question would depress responses in households with noncitizens by at least 5.8 percent and likely more.

Thus, he said, several states would lose at least one congressional seat based on 2020 census data. Furman said Texas, Arizona, Florida and plaintiffs New York and Illinois face a substantial risk of a seat loss. He said Colorado will suffer a census undercount of at least 0.7 percent.

Adding the question would cause New York, New Jersey, California, Texas, Florida, Nevada, Hawaii, Illinois, Massachusetts, Maryland, Washington, Oregon, New Mexico and the District of Columbia to lose funding

too, he said.

Connecticut, Delaware, Iowa, Rhode Island and Minnesota would also suffer, Furman added.

A trial on a separate suit on the same issue, filed by the state of California, is under way in San Francisco. The U.S. Supreme Court is poised to hear evidentiary-related legal issues surrounding the New York case on Feb. 19.

In the New York case, the plaintiffs accused the administration of President Donald Trump of adding the question to intentionally discourage immigrants from participating, potentially leading to a population undercount — and possibly fewer seats in Congress — in places that tend to vote Democratic.

Even people in the U.S. legally, they said, might dodge the census questionnaire out of fears they could be targeted by the administration.

The Justice Department argued Ross had no such motive.

Ross' decision to reinstate a citizenship question for the first time since 1950 was reasonable because the government has asked a citizenship question for most of the past 200 years, Laco said.

When Ross announced the plan in March, he said the question was necessary to help the government enforce the Voting Rights Act,



In this April 29, 2010 file photo, census employees, including Joseph Mintz, seated, and Lesley Rubinger, far right, assemble after a training course in New York.

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a 1965 law meant to protect political representation of minority groups.

Furman, appointed to the bench by former President Barack Obama, said Ross' rationale concealed his true reason, which remains unknown.

New York Attorney General Letitia James, whose office was among those litigating the lawsuits, called the decision a win for "Americans who believe in a fair and accurate count of the residents of our nation."

In Massachusetts, Secretary of the Commonwealth William Galvin, a Democrat, said "attempting to frighten immigrant communities into not responding was a clear and deliberate effort to depress the count in states like Massachusetts."

Ross said politics played no role in the decision, initially testifying under oath that

he hadn't spoken to anyone in the White House on the subject.

Later, however, Justice Department lawyers submitted papers saying Ross remembered speaking in spring 2017 about it with former senior White House adviser Steve Bannon and then-Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

The Supreme Court blocked Ross from being deposed, but let a trial proceed over the objections of Justices Samuel Alito, Clarence Thomas and Neil Gorsuch.

The constitutionally mandated census is supposed to count all people living in the U.S., including noncitizens and immigrants living in the country illegally.

The administration faces an early summer deadline for finalizing questions so questionnaires can be printed. □

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## Hospital: Doc gave near-death patients excessive pain meds

By KANTELE FRANKO

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) —

An intensive care doctor ordered "significantly excessive and potentially fatal" doses of pain medicine for at least 27 near-death patients in the past few years after families asked that lifesaving measures be stopped, an Ohio hospital system announced after being sued by a family alleging an improper dose of fentanyl actively hastened the death of one of those patients.

The Columbus-area Mount Carmel Health System acknowledged the doses were larger than needed to provide comfort for dying patients. That raises questions about whether there was intentional or possibly illegal use of the drugs to accelerate deaths.

The system said it has fired the doctor, reported findings of an internal investigation to authorities and removed 20 employees from patient care pending further investigation, including nurses who administered the medication as well as pharmacists.

Mount Carmel said the situation came to light because an employee reported a safety concern. The health system shared no information about what might have prompted employees to approve and administer the excessive dosages.

"Regardless of the reason the actions were taken, we take responsibility for the fact that the processes in place were not sufficient to prevent these actions

from happening," Mount Carmel President and CEO Ed Lamb said in a video statement. "We're doing everything to understand how this happened and what we need to do to ensure that it never happens again."

The attorney who brought the lawsuit said, in that case, either layers of safeguards repeatedly failed to flag a "grossly excessive" dosage of fentanyl, or the medical professionals intended to accelerate the death of the patient, 79-year-old Janet Kavanaugh.

"On balance, it's hard to believe the former occurred rather than the latter. ... This is not just a simple situation of an error," lawyer Gerry Leeseberg said Tuesday.

The lawsuit was filed Monday in Franklin County against the health system, a pharmacist, a nurse and the doctor, whom it identifies as William Husel.

Case records listed no attorney yet to comment on Husel's behalf. There is no public personal phone listing for him, and other numbers linked to him weren't accepting calls Tuesday. Husel's case emerges amid a national debate over physician-assisted death. In such cases, physicians prescribe medications in life-ending amounts to terminally ill patients.

Six states — California, Oregon, Vermont, Washington, Colorado and Montana — allow the practice, and 20 have considered but not passed legislation to do so, according to the nonpar-



The main entrance to Mount Carmel West Hospital is shown Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2019.

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tisan National Conference of State Legislatures. In Ohio, the practice remains illegal. A bill that would have allowed terminally ill, mentally competent patients to self-administer a prescription to end their lives failed to gain traction in the last legislative session. But Joe Carrese, a faculty member at the Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics, said that such laws are carefully crafted. He said that if Husel administered lethal quantities of drugs to unwitting patients in order to end their lives, his acts didn't meet the definition of physician-assisted death.

"In this case, if that was the intent, this was essentially euthanasia, which is not legal anywhere in the United States and not at all the same as physician-assisted death," he said.

Franklin County Prosecutor Ron O'Brien confirmed that his office has met with doctors, hospital executives and attorneys and that an investigation is underway, but he wouldn't discuss details. He said they've received cooperation from Mount Carmel, which operates four hospitals around Columbus, and from parent organization Trinity Health, one of the country's largest Roman Catholic health care systems.

Records show the State Medical Board in Ohio has never taken disciplinary action against Husel. It's unclear whether that board ever received a complaint or conducted an investigation about him, as such records are confidential under Ohio law, and outcomes are made public only if the board takes formal action.

Husel was a supervised resident at the Cleveland Clinic from 2008 to 2013, according to a statement from the medical center. It's now conducting an investigation of his work.

Carrese, from the bioethics institute, commended Mount Carmel for encouraging a culture in which medical staff and other employees can come forward without fear, but he said the extent of the allegations is concerning.

"The fact that there may be other patients, up to 26 other patients, really calls into question whether the culture of safety and reporting that they're shooting for, whether there's more work that needs to be done," he said.

The allegations carry echoes of prior Ohio cases in which patients were killed. □



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## UK's May faces no-confidence vote after Brexit plan crushed

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**LONDON (AP)** — British lawmakers overwhelmingly rejected Prime Minister Theresa May's divorce deal with the European Union on Tuesday, plunging the Brexit process into chaos and triggering a no-confidence vote that could topple her government.

The defeat was widely expected, but the scale of the House of Commons' vote — 432 votes against the government and 202 in support — was devastating for May's fragile leadership. It followed more than two years of political upheaval in which May has staked her political reputation on getting a Brexit deal and was the biggest defeat for a government in the House of Commons in modern history.

Moments after the result was announced — with Speaker John Bercow bellying "the noes have it" to a packed Commons chamber — May said it was only right to test whether the government still had lawmakers' support to carry on. Opposition leader Jeremy Corbyn quickly obliged, saying May's government had lost the confidence of Parliament.

Lawmakers will vote Wednesday on his motion of no-confidence. If the government loses, it will have 14 days to overturn the result or face a national election.

Although May lacks an overall majority in Parliament, she looks likely to survive the vote unless lawmakers from her Conser-



An activist from Avaaz wears a mask of Britain's Prime Minister Theresa May as Pro-European demonstrators protest opposite the Houses of Parliament in London, Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2019.

Associated Press

vative party rebel. Northern Ireland's Democratic Unionist Party, which props up May's government, said it would support her.

"The House has spoken and the government will listen," May said after the vote, which leaves her Brexit plan on life support just 10 weeks before the country is due to leave the EU on March 29. May promised to consult lawmakers on future moves, but gave little indication of what she plans to do next. Parliament has given the government until Monday to come up with a new proposal.

She faces a stark choice: Steer the country toward an abrupt "no-deal" break with the EU or try to nudge it toward a softer departure. Meanwhile, lawmakers from both government and opposition parties are trying to wrest control of the Brexit process from a paralyzed government, so

that lawmakers by majority vote can specify a new plan for Britain's EU exit.

But with no clear majority in Parliament for any single alternate course, there is a growing chance that Britain may seek to postpone its departure date while politicians work on a new plan — or even hand the decision back to voters in a new referendum on EU membership.

"If you can't resolve the impasse here in Westminster, then you have to refer it back to the people," said Labour Party lawmaker Chuka Umunna, who supports a second referendum.

May, who had postponed a vote on the deal in December to avoid certain defeat, had implored lawmakers to back her deal and deliver on voters' decision in 2016 to leave the EU. But the deal was doomed by deep opposition from

both sides of the divide over U.K.'s place in the bloc. Pro-Brexit lawmakers say the deal will leave Britain bound indefinitely to EU rules, while pro-EU politicians favor an even closer economic relationship with Europe.

The most contentious section of the deal was an insurance policy known as the "backstop" designed to prevent the reintroduction of border controls between the U.K.'s Northern Ireland and EU member Ireland Assurances from EU leaders that the backstop is intended as a temporary measure of last resort completely failed to win over many British skeptics. Two and a half years after the referendum, Britain remains divided over how, and whether, to leave the EU.

As lawmakers debated in the chamber, there was a cacophony of chants,

drums and music from rival bands of pro-EU and pro-Brexit protesters outside. One group waved blue-and-yellow EU flags, the other brandished "Leave Means Leave" placards. Inside, the government and opposition parties ordered lawmakers to cancel all other plans to be on hand for the crucial vote. Labour legislator Tulip Siddiq delayed the scheduled cesarean birth of her son so she could attend, arriving in a wheelchair.

Some Conservatives want May to seek further talks with EU leaders on changes before bringing a tweaked version of the bill back to Parliament, even though EU officials insist the 585-page withdrawal agreement cannot be renegotiated.

Tim Bale, professor of politics at Queen Mary University of London, said May was unlikely to get changes to her deal from that could "placate her Brexiteers."

"Or, she reaches out to Labour and goes for a softer Brexit than most Brexiteers would contemplate" — but which the EU might accept, Bale said.

Frustrated EU leaders called on May to make her intentions clear on the future of Brexit.

"Now, it is time for the U.K. to tell us the next steps," said Michel Barnier, the bloc's chief negotiator.

European Commission president Jean-Claude Juncker — who returned to Brussels late Tuesday to deal with fallout from the vote — said the rejection of May's deal had increased "the risk of a disorderly withdrawal of the United Kingdom." □



# Taliban suicide bomber kills 4, wounds over 100 in Kabul

By RAHIM FAIEZ  
Associated Press

**KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)** —

A Taliban suicide bomber killed at least four people and wounded scores when he detonated an explosive-laden vehicle late in the evening in the Afghan capital, officials said Tuesday.

It was the latest in a relentless wave of near daily attacks by the Taliban, who now hold sway over about half of the country and regularly target Afghan forces. The violence comes despite stepped-up efforts by the United States to find a negotiated end to the country's 17-year war.

Health Ministry spokesman Wahidullah Mayar said as many as 113 wounded were taken to different hospitals in Kabul after the Monday evening explosion near the Green Village compound, home to several international organizations and guesthouses.

The attack came just hours before the U.S. Embassy



Afghan security forces gather at the site a day after an attack in Kabul, Afghanistan, Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2019.

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in Kabul announced that special envoy to Afghanistan Zalmay Khalilzad arrived in Kabul to meet with President Ashraf Ghani, Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah and other political leaders to discuss next steps in U.S. efforts to facilitate an Afghan-led peace process.

Germany's Foreign Ministry condemned the bombing, in which it said a German police officer was also lightly wounded.

The area has been the frequent target of attacks in the past. Many foreigners live in the compound, which is heavily guarded by Afghan forces and also private security guards. Roads to the area remained blocked by security forces through the night and into Tuesday morning. Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid claimed the attack in a statement to the media, saying it involved five attackers, in-

cluding the suicide bomber. The four other attackers engaged Afghan forces in a clash, he said, without elaborating on what happened to them.

One of the victims, 35-year-old pharmacists Emal Fayzi, said he was wounded by shrapnel in the chest as he was walking home in the evening. The blast was so strong, he couldn't see anything for a while. Later, he realized he was inside an ambulance.

"No one is safe in this country, innocent and poor people are the victims of these attacks," Fayzi said from his hospital bed.

Another victim, 13-year-old boy Esmatullah, said his two sisters were wounded inside their home, which had all its windows shattered in the blast.

Interior Ministry spokesman Najib Danish said three military personnel and a civilian were killed while 12 women and 23 children were among the wounded. Another resident in the

area, Sardar Mohammad, 55, said this was the most powerful explosion of all that he had witnessed. Three of his children were wounded, he said, adding that the government should move all military targets out of residential areas to protect civilian lives.

Patrick Andrew, a NATO official in Afghanistan, said the alliance condemns the "despicable attack on innocent people" near Kabul's Green Village.

"The Taliban must stop continuing to use violence against their own people and come to the negotiating table," he added.

The Taliban have so far refused direct talks with Kabul despite pressure by Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and even Pakistan, where Washington says the Taliban leadership is headquartered.

In a separate attack Tuesday morning in Kabul, a civilian was killed when a sticky bomb blew up his vehicle, Danish said. □

# New Israeli military chief pledges to lead 'innovative' army

By ARON HELLER  
Associated Press

**JERUSALEM (AP)** — Israel's new military chief took office Tuesday, pledging to lead a "lethal, efficient and innovative army" into the future as it faces grave challenges along its borders.

Lt. Gen. Aviv Kochavi's inauguration comes shortly after the military's announcement that it has successfully completed its operation to destroy a network of cross-border tunnels dug by the militant group Hezbollah, stretching from Lebanon into Israel, and as it appears to be dropping its ambiguity over hundreds of strikes it had carried out against Iranian forces in Syria in recent years.

Kochavi was promoted from major-general at Tuesday's ceremony at the military headquarters in Tel Aviv, becoming the country's 22nd military chief. He replaces Lt. Gen. Gadi Eisenkot, who is retiring after 40 years of service. Is-

rael's army chiefs usually serve up to four years.

"I pledge to dedicate all my energy to a demanding and critical approach to strengthening our defenses and adjusting it to the challenges of the present and future by focusing on increasing our striking abilities against our enemies and putting forth a lethal, efficient and innovative army that maintains its purpose and uniqueness," he said.

In his final week on the job, Eisenkot oversaw the discovery of what the military says was the sixth and final Hezbollah tunnel to penetrate Israel. He also divulged that Israel had struck thousands of Iranian targets as part of a policy shift of engaging Iran directly, instead of just its lesser proxies of Hezbollah in Lebanon and Hamas in Gaza.

Israel has long called for a crackdown on the Iran-backed Hezbollah — a heavily armed militia that functions as a mini-army



New Israeli Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Aviv Kochavi, center, reviews an honor guard in Tel Aviv, Israel, Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2019.

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and is believed to possess an arsenal of some 150,000 rockets that can reach nearly all of Israel. In recent years, Hezbollah has been bogged down in fighting in Syria on behalf of Syrian President Bashar Assad's government. But with that war winding down, Israeli security officials fear Hezbollah is refocusing its attention on Israel.

At the Tel Aviv ceremony, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed to prevent Iran from establishing a mili-

tary foothold in post-civil war Syria, on Israel's doorstep.

"In front of us stands one major element — Iran and its terror proxies. We have acted responsibly and sensibly to thwart the strengthening of those who seek to harm us," he said. "I heard yesterday the spokesman of the Iranian foreign ministry saying: 'Iran has no military presence in Syria, we only advising.' Well, I advise them to get out of there fast since we

will continue our aggressive policy there as we have promised and we are doing, relentlessly and without fear."

Kochavi and Eisenkot will compete their handover with a visit to Jerusalem's Western Wall, a lunch with the president and a joint meeting of the general staff.

The 54-year-old Kochavi previously served as commander of military intelligence, chief of northern command and most recently as Eisenkot's deputy chief of staff. He also commanded the Gaza division during Israel's 2005 withdrawal from the Gaza Strip. As a commander of the paratroopers' brigade in the early 2000s, he was credited with developing a tactic of using hammers to break down walls between homes in Palestinian refugee camps in the West Bank, to rob snipers of vantage points from where they could shoot at Israeli troops on the streets. □



# Extremists attack hotel in Nairobi; al-Shabab claims role



Security forces help civilians flee the scene as cars burn behind, at a hotel complex in Nairobi, Kenya Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2019.

Associated Press

By **JOSEPH MWIHIA**

Associated Press

**NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)** — Extremists launched a deadly attack on a luxury hotel in Kenya's capital Tuesday, sending people fleeing in panic as explosions and heavy gunfire reverberated through the complex. A witness said he saw five bodies at the hotel entrance alone.

Al-Shabab — the Somalia-based Islamic extremist group that carried out the 2013 Westgate Mall attack in Nairobi that left 67 people dead — claimed responsibility.

"It is terrible. What I have seen is terrible," said Charles Njenga, who ran from a scene of blood, broken glass, burning vehicles and black smoke.

The coordinated assault began with an explosion that targeted three vehicles outside a bank, and a suicide bombing in the hotel lobby that severely wounded a number of guests, said Kenya's national police chief, Joseph Boinnet.

Survivors reported hearing a shattering blast and saw people mowed down by gunmen as they sat at a cafe. Victims were left lying

on tables, bleeding.

"We were changing our shifts, and that is when I heard a loud blast and people were screaming," said Enoch Kibet, who works as a cleaner at the cafe and managed to crawl out of a gate in the basement. "I couldn't believe I was alive. The blast was so loud and shook the whole complex." Authorities sent special forces into the hotel to flush out the gunmen believed holed up inside. Well after nightfall, more than five hours after the attack began, Boinnet said the counter-operation was still going on.

It was not clear how many attackers laid siege to the complex, which includes the DusitD2 hotel, along with bars, restaurants, banks and offices and is in a well-to-do neighborhood with large numbers of American, European and Indian expatriates.

Boinnet did not disclose the number of dead.

However, a Kenyan police officer who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the media said that bodies were seen in restaurants downstairs and in offices upstairs, but

"there was no time to count the dead."

Also, a witness who gave his name only as Ken said he saw five bodies at the entrance. He said that other people were shouting for help and "when we rushed back to try to rescue them, gunshots started coming from upstairs, and we had to duck because they were targeting us and we could see two guys shooting."

Kenyan hospitals appealed for blood donations even as the number of wounded remained unclear.

Associated Press video from inside the hotel showed Kenyan security officers anxiously searching the building and scared workers emerging from hiding while gunfire could still be heard. Some women climbed out of windows. One man got up from the floor where he appeared to be trying to hide under a piece of wood paneling, then showed his ID badge. As officers searched luxury fashion displays, wounded people were carried away on stretchers.

Like al-Shabab's Westgate Mall attack, this one appeared aimed at wealthy Kenyans and foreigners living in the country. It came

a day after a magistrate ruled that three men must stand trial in connection with the Westgate Mall siege. A fourth suspect was freed for lack of evidence. Al-Shabab has vowed retribution against Kenya for sending troops to Somalia since 2011. The al-Qaida-linked group has killed hundreds of people in Kenya, which has been targeted more than any other of the six countries providing troops to an African Union force in Somalia.

Tuesday's carnage demonstrated al-Shabab's continued ability to carry out spectacular acts of bloodshed despite a dramatic increase in U.S. airstrikes against it under President Donald Trump.

In the Westgate Mall massacre, al-Shabab extremists burst into the luxury shopping center, hurling grenades and starting a dayslong siege. In 2015, al-Shabab claimed responsibility for an attack on Kenya's Garissa University that killed 147 people, mostly students. Tuesday's violence also came three years to the day after al-Shabab extremists attacked a Kenyan military base in Somalia, killing

scores of people.

Gunfire could be heard for hours after Tuesday's attack began. Several vehicles burned, sending black smoke rising over the complex. Some people ducked behind cars, screaming, while others took cover behind fountains and other features at the lush complex.

Ambulances, security forces and firefighters converged along with a bomb disposal unit, and vehicles were cordoned off for fear they contained explosives. Police said they blew up a car that had explosives inside. An unexploded grenade was also seen in a hallway at the complex.

Security forces hurried out a large group of women, one of them still in curlers. Dozens of others were rushed to safety as plainclothes officers went shop to shop in the complex. Some people held up their hands to show they were unarmed.

A Kenyan intelligence official said the country had been on high alert since November, with information about potential attacks on high-profile targets in Nairobi. The official was not authorized to talk to the media and spoke on condition of anonymity.

A Somali diplomat who likewise spoke on condition of anonymity said Somali officials were in the hotel for meetings at the time of the attack and several were feared to still be inside.

Despite the years of bloodshed, the Kenya-Somalia border remains porous, with al-Shabab extremists able to easily bribe their way across, according to a U.N. panel of experts.

The hotel complex in Nairobi's Westlands neighborhood is about a mile (2 kilometers) from Westgate Mall on a relatively quiet, tree-lined road in what is considered one of the most secure parts of the city. The hotel's website says it is "cocooned away from the hustle and bustle in a secure and peaceful haven." On Monday, the hotel promoted its spa by tweeting: "Is your new year off to a rough start?" □





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## South Korea defense report doesn't refer to North as enemy

By HYUNG-JIN KIM

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)

— North Korea is no longer South Korea's "enemy," though Pyongyang's nuclear program still poses a security threat, according to Seoul's biennial defense document published Tuesday.

It's the first time since 2010, the same year 50 South Koreans were killed in attacks blamed on the North, that the enemy label hasn't been applied, and a further sign of better ties between the rivals.

The South Korean Defense Ministry white paper doesn't include past terms that labeled North Korea an "enemy," a "present enemy" or the South's "main enemy." It still said the North's weapons of mass destruction are a "threat to peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula," a reference to the North's missile and nuclear program.

The "enemy" terminology has been a long-running source of animosity be-



In this April 27, 2018, file photo, a North Korean flag flutters in the wind atop a 160-meter tower in North Korea's village Gijungdongseen, as seen from the Taesungdong freedom village inside the demilitarized zone in Paju, South Korea.

Associated Press

tween the Koreans. North Korea has called the label a provocation that demonstrated Seoul's hostility. Liberal South Korean President Moon Jae-in is pursuing deeper engagement with the North after a surprise round of diplomacy

last year replaced threats of war and a string of increasingly powerful North Korean weapons tests in 2017.

Moon is not alone in seeking better ties with the North. The paper's release also comes as U.S. Presi-

dent Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un look to stage a second summit meant to settle a standoff over the North's pursuit of a nuclear program that can reliably target anywhere in the continental United States.

South Korea first called North Korea its "main enemy" in 1995, a year after North Korea threatened to turn Seoul into "sea of fire," a term the North has since repeatedly used when confrontations flared with the South.

During a previous era of detente in the 2000s, South Korea avoided using the reference, but it revived the term in its defense document after the 2010 attacks by the North.

In the latest defense document, South Korea's military said it considers unspecified "forces which threaten (South Korea)'s sovereignty, territory, citizens and property our enemy."

North Korea's state media hasn't immediately responded.

The change in terminology is certain to draw strong criticism from conservatives in South Korea who argue that Moon's push to engage the North has deeply undermined the country's security posture. □

## Hong Kong ex-leader Tsang released after serving sentence

By VIOLET LAW

HONG KONG (AP) — Hong Kong's former top leader Donald Tsang was released Tuesday after serving time in prison for failing to disclose plans to rent a luxury apartment from a businessman granted a government broadcasting license during Tsang's time in office.

The 74-year-old Tsang, who served as Hong Kong's chief executive from 2005 to 2012, is the highest-ranking former or current official sent to prison for wrongdoing in the Asian financial hub, which prides itself on a reputation for clean governance.

The apartment, which is in mainland China, was for his retirement.

Tsang's 2017 conviction was a stunning downfall for the longtime civil servant whose career spanned both British colonial rule and Hong Kong's return to China in 1997. Last week, Hong Kong's Court of Final Appeal accepted his petition to try to get his conviction overturned.

It also contrasts with the Hong Kong Justice Department's decision late last month not to prosecute former Chief Executive C.Y. Leung for failing to report a 50 million Hong Kong dollar (\$6.4 million) payout from

Australian engineering firm UGL Limited in its takeover of a company where Leung was a director.

The decision came after a four-year investigation by the city's anti-graft agency. After serving one term as chief executive, Leung was appointed in 2017 to China's legislature as a vice chairman. Tsang turned down an appointment from Beijing.

Political commentator Ching Cheong said that Beijing is suspected of pressuring the Justice Department to drop the case.

"Both men failed to declare their interest before serving the city's highest office, but



In this Feb. 17, 2017, file photo, Donald Tsang, former leader of Hong Kong, walks out of the High Court after being granted bail following his conviction.

Associated Press

one was sent to prison the other got off," Ching said.

"That's where the injustice lies." □



# Trump's Cuba policy hurts private sector, new figures say

By **ANDREA RODRIGUEZ**

**HAVANA (AP)** — President Donald Trump's Cuba policy is driving millions of dollars from the island's private entrepreneurs to its state-run tourism sector, the opposite of its supposed goal, according to new government figures.

Trump announced in June 2017 that he was tightening limits on U.S. travel to Cuba in order to starve military-linked travel businesses and funnel money directly to the Cuban people.

He restricted Americans' ability to travel to Cuba on their own, rather than with a tour group. At the same time, he allowed U.S. cruise lines to continue to take passengers to Cuba, where they pay millions to disembark at military-run docks and make quick trips onshore that are generally coordinated by government tour agencies that steer travelers to state-run destinations.

Cuban government figures from the first full year under Trump's policy show occupancy of private bed-and-breakfasts in Havana plunged to 44 percent in 2018 after years at near capacity in the wake of President Barack Obama's start of normalization with Cuba, said Michael Bernal, commercial director for the



In this May 13, 2015, file photo, tourists ride a classic American convertible in Havana, Cuba.

Associated Press

Ministry of Tourism.

Even as the private sector suffered, U.S. travel to Cuba was growing, from 618,000 in 2017 to 630,000 last year, Tourism Ministry figures say. Most of those travelers came by ship, avoiding the confusing rules on travel to the island with package tours that are guaranteed to comply with the law.

The shift to cruises meant the average U.S. stay on the island dropped from six days to three, said Jose Luis Perello, a former University of Havana professor who studies Cuba's tourism in-

dustry.

That has had a devastating effect on owners and employees of Cuba's 24,185 private bed-and-breakfasts and 2,170 private restaurants known as paladares. They cherished U.S. travelers as heavy tippers who crammed days full of activities like classic car rides and cooking classes that put money into private hands.

David Pajon, a university professor who bought an apartment to rent in Old Havana, said he has had to drop his rates and his in-

come has fallen 40 percent since Trump's new policy went into effect in 2017. He still was a third empty last month, the first time in three years that he wasn't fully booked in December.

"U.S.-Cuba normalization inspired a lot of people who thought this was a good business to invest their savings in," Pajon said. "And all of a sudden you have the U.S. government creating a situation that has an impact on the number of people who came, or changes the way they're coming — on cruise ships!"

The Trump measures, which were backed by Cuban-American Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, ban U.S. travelers from doing business with tourism businesses under the military-linked conglomerate known as GAESA, which runs dozens of hotels and a major tour-bus line, among others.

Instead, Americans are going to businesses run by the Tourism Ministry, but there is no reason to believe that Cuba has any difficulty transferring money within its highly centralized single-party government, said Richard Feinberg, a Brookings Institution fellow and University of California, San Diego, professor of international political economy who studies Cuba.

"Trump's policies have reduced on-island, versus cruise ship, tourism and thus harmed B&Bs as well as other private tourism-related firms including paladares and taxistas," Feinberg said. Beyond that, he said, "the only traceable impact of the Rubio sanction is to inconvenience U.S. tourists." The number of U.S. travelers to Cuba grew from 162,000 in 2015, the year after Obama and then Cuban President Raul Castro announced detente, to 284,000 in 2016 and 618,000 in 2017. □

# New migrant caravan sets out from Honduras for US

By **DELMER MARTINEZ**

Associated Press

**SAN PEDRO SULA, Honduras (AP)** — Another caravan of Central American migrants has set out from Honduras seeking to reach the U.S. border, following the same route used by thousands last year in at least three caravans.

About 600 migrants gathered under a steady rain late Monday at the bus station in the violent city of San Pedro Sula and decided to set out in the darkness, hours before their intended Tuesday departure.

About 300 people, mainly women and children, clamored aboard 30 small buses, intent on reaching the



Migrants hoping to reach the U.S. wait in line to board a bus toward Honduras' border with Guatemala, as hundreds of migrants set off by bus or on foot from a main bus station in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, late Monday, Jan. 14, 2019.

Associated Press

Guatemalan border.

Another 300 or so began walking in the rain toward

the border town of Agua Caliente late Monday. One passing man asked a jour-

nalist for his umbrella, saying he feared his daughter would get sick in the rain.

As they walked, some migrants pleaded with local store owners to give them food or water for their journey.

More people continued to arrive at the bus station, making it likely the caravan's numbers would grow as additional migrants set out Tuesday.

One woman, who refused to give her name because of safety concerns, said her 9-year-old daughter had already been raped so badly she suffered medical problems.

The mother, who worked at a bakery, said she was

taking her daughter and 13-year-old son to the United States.

Once there, she said she would ask U.S. authorities for asylum or refugee status, "because it's not possible to live in Honduras anymore."

The new caravan is almost certain to both raise tensions and garner support along its route through Guatemala and Mexico to the U.S. border.

It was unclear whether the caravan planned to go to Tijuana, the Mexican border city where thousands of migrants from the first three caravans have been largely marooned since November. □



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## Rotaract Club of Aruba giving back to the community

Oranjestad— The dynamic team of Rotaract Club of Aruba had a very active year. Specially the last month of the year was a very busy one for the Rotaract Club of Aruba in which they made donations to different groups in our community.

A total of 30 soccer balls were donated to the Football club La Fama for the U-9 & U-11-2 divisions. On December 19th 2018 the vice president of the Rotaract Club of Aruba, Mrs. Diantha Boekhouwer, donated all the materials to the football club. With this donation the Rotaract Club of Aruba made its contribution to support the sport and also to offer a more active life to all the players and at the same time support the group of volunteers that make everything happen for these kids.

Another activity done by this dynamic team was a musical concert named "Music is Life" offered to all the elderly of Stichting Algemene Bejaardenzorg Aruba on December 16th at Centro Kibrahacha. An afternoon filled with Christmas carols and delicious snacks in a great end of year ambience. Also Rotaract Club of Aruba partnered up with Rotary Club of Aruba for the annual end of year celebration for the members of Sonrisa. The members enjoyed a morning filled with good music, good food and happy faces.

Rotaract believes in working together to achieve more and therefore they offer their collaboration to the Hand 4 Addicts foundation,



which was established in 2017. Back in 2016 when Rotaract Club of Aruba celebrated their 25th anniversary they started with the project to help drug addicts during the Christmas season, in which they delivered a bucket filled with hygiene products and food for this group. This year they wanted it more structured and there for joined the Hand 4 addicts foundation, which is helping this group on a monthly basis.

Together with Interact Club of Aruba they organized also "The Gift of Giving: Christmas with an addict" where Interact Club of Aruba collected at Ling & Sons Supermarket for a few weeks for this great cause. The Rotaract also organized a "clothing drive" with collaboration



of Vintage Vixen in which they collected second hand clothing from the community and donated these to Fundacion pa Nos Comunidad and Hand 4 Addicts. Also together with hand 4 addicts, family and friends they prepared a Christmas meal for the addicts. The addicts also received a haircut and were able to take a shower and clean clothes. The event was a complete success.

Rotaract Club of Aruba would like to say thanks to each and everyone that made all this possible thru donations or volunteering. Rotaract Club of Aruba invites the entire community to continue offering their help in order to assure a more united and strong community.

### About Rotaract Club of Aruba

"Rotaract" stands for "Rotary in Action". Rotaract originally began as a Rotary International youth program in 1968 and has now grown into a major Rotary-sponsored organization of over 8,200 clubs spread around the world and 195,000 + members. The Rotaract Club of Aruba was installed in 1991. The purpose of Rotaract is to provide an opportunity for young men and women to enhance the knowledge and skills that will assist them in personal development, to address the physical and social needs of their communities, and to promote better relations between all people worldwide through a framework of friendship and service. □





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## Poverty in Latin America Remained Steady in 2017, but Extreme Poverty Increased to the Highest Level since 2008, while Inequality has Fallen Notably since 2000

**CHILE** — The overall poverty rate – measured by income – remained stable in 2017 in Latin America, following increases recorded in 2015 and 2016; however, the proportion of persons living in extreme poverty continued to rise, following the trend observed since 2015, according to the report by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).

In 2017, the number of people living in poverty reached 184 million (30.2% of the population), of whom 62 million live in extreme poverty (10.2% of the population, the highest percentage since 2008), according to the report, Social Panorama of Latin America 2018, presented this Tuesday by Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of the United Nations regional organization, at a press conference held in Santiago, Chile.

According to the Commission's projections, poverty in 2018 decreased to 29.6% of the population, or 182 million people (two million less than in 2017), while extreme poverty remained steady at 10.2%, i.e. 63 million people (one million more than in 2017).

"Although the region did make significant progress between the past decade and midway through this one, there have been setbacks since 2015, particularly when it comes to extreme poverty," warned Alicia Bárcena, calling for complementary public policies of social protection, labor inclusion and income redistribution in light of the challenges ahead.

In an analysis of the countries with the greatest reductions in poverty in the 2012-2017 period, in Chile, El Salvador and the Dominican Republic, the increase in income from wages in lower-income households was the source that contributed the most to that reduction, while in Costa



Rica, Panama and Uruguay, the main factor was pensions and transfers received by lower-income households. "This highlights the importance of providing the population living in poverty with more resources, combining stronger wages with the provision of public transfers and strengthened systems of social protection," said ECLAC.

Due to the update in 2015 of the methodology used by ECLAC to measure monetary poverty, and later revisions implemented by the organization, the figures included in this edition of the Social Panorama differ from those released in the last report published in December 2017 and previous ones. See explanatory document (in Spanish).

The report also emphasizes a notable reduction in income inequality in the region since the beginning of 2000. The simple average of the Gini Index (where 0 represents no inequity and 1 maximum inequality) for the 18 countries of Latin America fell from 0.543 in 2002 to 0.466 in 2017. However, the rate of reduction

slowed in recent years: from 2002-2008, the average annual reduction on the index was 1.3%; for 2008-2014, 0.8%; and for 2014-2017, it was 0.3%. According to the organization, systems of social protection have played an important role in recent years in containing income distribution deterioration.

Despite the context of fiscal adjustments, social spending by central governments is the main component in total public spending (51.4% in 2016), says the Commission.

Central government social welfare expenditure in 17 Latin American countries reached a simple average of 11.2% of GDP in 2016, a slight increase compared to 2015 and the highest level recorded since 2000. In per capita terms, average social spending for the countries of Latin America practically doubled between 2002-2016, reaching 894 dollars. Nevertheless, this varies greatly among countries and great challenges still exist when it comes to financing social policies in order to meet the goals of the 2030 Agenda

for Sustainable Development, especially in countries with the highest levels of poverty and other shortcomings in terms of social development.

In order to advance toward greater levels of participation in the benefits of development and the exercise of rights, progress in terms of social inclusion and labor inclusion of the population must go hand in hand, underscores ECLAC.

On average, around 40% of the employed population of Latin America earns wages below the minimum established per country and that proportion is much higher among women (48.7%) and young people aged 15-24 (55.9%). The figure rises to 60.3% among young women. Universal policies must be implemented that respond to these differences in order to close the gaps in access that affect different groups of the population, and that also take into account both the old and new risk scenarios that will impact society as a whole, says ECLAC.

In 2017, participation by

women in the labor market continued to be less compared to men, at 50.2% and 74.4% respectively, while unemployment in women for that year was higher (10.4%) than for men (7.6%). More than half of working women (51.8%) are employed in low-productivity sectors, and of those, 82.2% are not affiliated with or drawing from a pension system.

The low participation by women in paid work is in contrast to their high participation in non-paid work within the home: in Latin America, 77% of non-paid work is done by women, according to data from surveys on use of time. "Without adequate public policies to address key issues, such as the promotion of women's training and employment in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), to avoid job insecurity and to promote co-responsibility in care systems, women could not only lose out on the benefits of future jobs, but also run the risk of perpetuating existing gaps and the existing shortfalls of decent work," concluded the document. □



## Today's Happening



# A weekly calendar with a selection of what's going on in Aruba



### Wednesday 16

#### Burnout a gift or a threat?

- Sharon Burgler will teach you more about the burn-out effect at work and how to prevent it.
- Starts at 8:00 PM
- At the University of Aruba, J.E. Irausquinplein 4, Oranjestad
- <http://www.ua.aw/life-long-learning>



### Saturday 19

#### Havana Nights ~ Bienvenido a Cuba

- Havana Nights is the first Pop-up Restaurant of 2019 and will take at the Upper Pool Deck of the Renaissance Marina Hotel. Get ready for an exclusive Cuban evening.
- From 7:00 PM till 10:30 PM
- Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino
- Facebook Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino

### Thursday 17

#### Barefoot Beach BBQ

- If you're not barefoot, then you're overdressed. Join us for the Barefoot Beach BBQ on the Renaissance Ocean Suites Beach! A delicious BBQ made to order will be prepared for you accompanied by a build your own salad station, your choice of marinate, side dishes and a decadent dessert station. Have some Family Fun around the grill with live music and a Beach Bar ready to serve you.
- From 6:00 PM till 10:00 PM
- Renaissance Ocean Suites
- Facebook Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino



### Sunday 20

#### Full Moon Yoga

- Just like the ocean tides, the full moon influences our own rhythms, enhancing whatever we are strongly feeling at the time. The full moon is a powerful time to set your intentions and move mindfully!
- From 8:30 PM till 9:30 PM
- Arashi Beach
- Facebook Island Yoga



### Monday 21

#### Full Moon Walk

- Here's your chance to hike at night at our well-known Arikok National Park. It will be a 9 km walk from the visitor center to Boca Prins and back.
- Starts at 6:00 PM
- Arikok National Park
- Facebook Arikok National Park



### Friday 18

#### Honor To Connor SteelBand Extravaganza

- Various Aruban SteelBands Performing and Celebrating Aruba's nr.1 SteelPan Pioneer "James Edgar Connor" Birthday on Jan.18th.2019 in front of The World's Famous Charlie's Bar
- From 6:00 PM till 10:00 PM
- Charlie's Bar, San Nicolas
- Facebook Sweet Pan Music

### Tuesday 22

#### Taste the Authentic Peru

- Enjoy a wonderful culinary experience at this cozy Authentic Peruvian Restaurant.
- From 12:00 PM till 10:00 PM
- J.E. Irausquin Blvd 64, Eagle Beach
- Facebook Asi es mi Peru





# SPORTS



United States' Mikaela Shiffrin celebrates on the podium after winning an alpine ski, women's World Cup giant slalom, in Kronplatz, Italy, Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2019.

## Mikaela Shiffrin finally conquers elusive Kronplatz giant slalom

**SAN VIGILIO DI MAREBBE, Italy (AP)** — Mikaela Shiffrin had this race specially marked on her calendar. There are few courses the American skier has not been able to conquer in her record-breaking career. Yet a victory — or even a podium finish — had eluded her on the steep Erta slope at the Kronplatz resort. So she came to San Vigilio over the Christmas holiday and did some free skiing on the Erta. The attention to detail paid off. She won the World Cup giant slalom here on Tuesday and banished poor memories. "There's not too many races where I had such a struggle as here. And when I come to a race like this I have to overcome that as well. It's a little bit more doubt," Shiffrin said. "Today I was thinking, 'The course looks amazing and I have no idea how I can do but I know what I should do. So I'm going to try that and see.' But that's also a different kind of challenge, and when I can overcome that kind of challenge it's also a really good learning experience."

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# HARDCORE

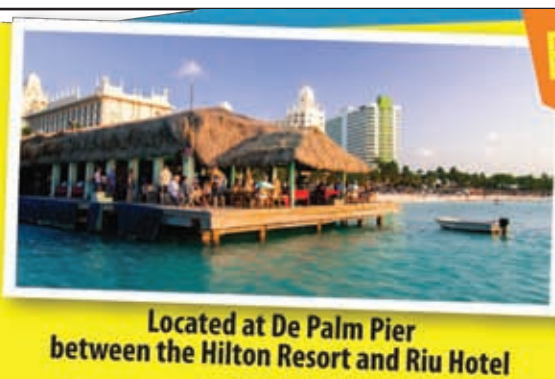


## Harden's 57 points lead Rockets over Grizzlies

Houston Rockets' James Harden, center, goes up for a shot against the Memphis Grizzlies during the second half of an NBA basketball game Monday, Jan. 14, 2019, in Houston. The Rockets won 112-94.



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## Flyers top Wild 7-4 for 2nd victory in last 11 games

**By The Associated Press**  
**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — James van Riemsdyk recorded a hat trick, and Nolan Patrick had two goals and two assists to lead the Philadelphia Flyers to a 7-4 victory over the Minnesota Wild on Monday night. Wayne Simmonds also had two goals for the Flyers. Carter Hart had 34 saves. It was just the second win in the last 11 games for Philadelphia, which began Monday with the fewest points in the league. Jason Zucker, Marcus Foligno, Joel Eriksson Ek and Ryan Suter scored for Minnesota. The Wild dropped to 0-5-1 against Metropolitan Division teams.

### **AVALANCHE 6, MAPLE LEAFS 3**

**TORONTO (AP)** — Carl Soderberg had his first career hat trick and Colorado topped Toronto. Gabriel Landeskog, Mikko Rantanen and Matt Calvert also scored for Colorado, which had lost nine of its last 10 games overall (1-7-2), and seven straight in regulation on the road. Semyon Varlamov stopped 17 shots. Igor Ozhiganov, Kasper Kapanen and Mitch Marner scored for Toronto. Frederik Andersen made 32 saves in his return to the starting lineup after missing eight games with a groin injury. Auston Matthews added two assists. Toronto has lost five of its last seven games and four of five at home.

### **CANADIENS 3, BRUINS 2, OT**

**BOSTON (AP)** — Jeff Petry scored 15 seconds into overtime, batting the puck out of the air and past Tuukka Rask to lead Montreal

to a win over Boston. Carey Price stopped 41 shots for the Canadiens. Paul Byron scored a short-handed goal, and Brendan Gallagher also scored to help Montreal earn its third victory in four tries. Rask made 19 saves but lost for the first time in his last six starts. David Krejci scored a power-play goal — with Rask pulled for a 6-on-4 — with just 38 seconds left in regulation to send the game into overtime. Brad Marchand also scored for Boston, giving the Bruins a 1-0 lead about six minutes into the game.

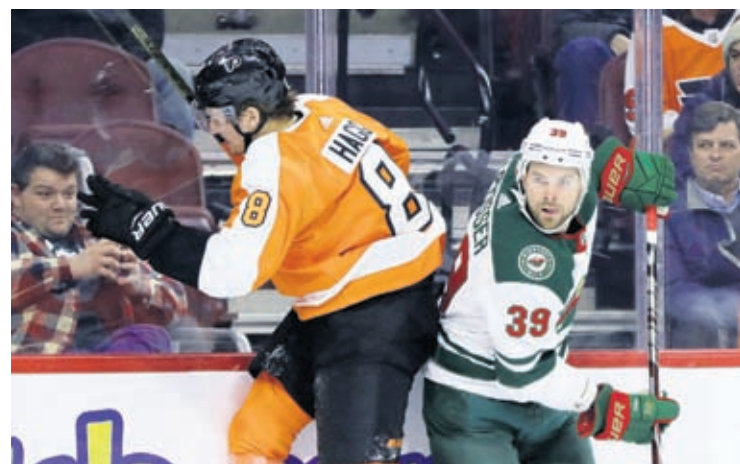
**DEVILS 8, BLACKHAWKS 5**  
**NEWARK, N.J. (AP)** — Kyle Palmieri and Blake Coleman each scored twice, and New Jersey had its biggest offensive game of the season in beating Chicago. Travis Zajac, Sami Vatanen, Kevin Rooney and Brett Seney also scored as the Devils won consecutive games for only the third time since opening the season with four straight wins. Rookie goaltender Mackenzie Blackwood won for the fifth time in seven decisions.

Patrick Kane scored twice and set up two others for the Blackhawks. Brent Seabrook, Dominik Kahun and Brandon Saad also scored for Chicago, which left goaltenders Cam Ward and Collin Delia defenseless most of the game in giving up at least seven goals for the fifth time this season. The eight goals against tied the most given up by the Blackhawks this season.

### **BLUES 4, CAPITALS 1**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Vince Dunn scored his first goal since October, David Perron extended his point

streak and St. Louis scored three goals in a five-minute span to beat Washington for its first three-game winning streak of the season. Dunn banked the puck in on a double deflection for his first goal in 33 games and assisted on Perron's goal with a no-look back-handed pass. □



Philadelphia Flyers' Robert Hagg, left, collides with Minnesota Wild's Nate Prosser during the third period of an NHL hockey game, Monday, Jan. 14, 2019, in Philadelphia. Philadelphia won 7-4.

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## Harden scores season-high 57 as Rockets top Grizzlies 112-94

By The Associated Press

**HOUSTON (AP)** — James Harden scored a season-high 57 points to carry the short-handed Houston Rockets to a 112-94 win over the Memphis Grizzlies on Monday night.

The reigning MVP extended his streak of 30-point games to 17 by halftime, pouring in 36 points over the first two quarters to put Houston on top. It's the longest such streak since Wilt Chamberlain had 20 straight games of at least 30 points in 1964. It's the franchise-record 14th time Harden has scored 40 this season and the eighth time in his last 11 games. It's the third time he's topped 50 points this season and the 12th time in his career. He surpassed his previous season best of 54 against Washington and fell just shy of the career-high and club-record 60 points he scored last January against Orlando.

Garrett Temple and Mike Conley scored 14 each for the Grizzlies, who lost for the eighth time in nine games. Harden's big game came on a night when the Rockets were without three starters, as center Clint Capela joined Chris Paul and Eric Gordon on the injured list after hurting his right thumb Sunday.

Harden scored 38 points Sunday in a loss to Orlando despite going 1 for 17 from 3-point range. This time, he made his first two 3s and finished 6 of 15. He also hit 15 of 17 free throws and pulled down nine rebounds.

**HORNETS 108, SPURS 93**

**SAN ANTONIO (AP)** — Kemba Walker scored 33



Charlotte Hornets' Kemba Walker, left, drives against San Antonio Spurs' Derrick White during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Monday, Jan. 14, 2019, in San Antonio

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points and Tony Parker enjoyed a triumphant return to San Antonio as Charlotte snapped the Spurs' seven-game home winning streak.

Parker had eight points, four assists and three rebounds in his first game back in San Antonio after signing with the Hornets during the offseason.

Jeremy Lamb added 19 points for Charlotte, which ended a three-game skid. The Hornets also stopped an 11-game slide in San Antonio.

LaMarcus Aldridge led the

Spurs with 28 points and 10 rebounds.

The Spurs honored Parker before the game with a two-minute video of his career highlights during 17 seasons in San Antonio, including his four NBA championships with the team. The crowd roared in appreciation, chanting "Tony! Tony! Tony!"

**NETS 109, CELTICS 102**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — D'Angelo Russell scored 18 of his 34 points in the third quarter and Brooklyn ended a 10-game losing streak to Boston, sending the Celtics to

a winless three-game road trip. With Kyrie Irving nursing a bruised right quadriceps, the Nets broke open the game with a 15-0 run in the third and outscored the Celtics 44-21 in the period. Jarrett Allen added 19 points and 12 rebounds for the Nets, who have won nine of their last 10 home games. Rookie forward Rodions Kurucs also scored 19. Jayson Tatum had 34 points for the Celtics, who dropped games at Miami and Orlando to start their trip. Jaylen Brown added 22.

Boston also played without Marcus Smart because of an illness.

**PELICANS 121, CLIPPERS 117**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Anthony Davis had 46 points and 16 rebounds, Julius Randle added 27 points and New Orleans defeated Los Angeles for just its second road win this season against a Western Conference team.

Davis and Randle combined to score 24 of their team's 28 points in the third quarter, when the Pelicans stretched their lead to 20.

The Clippers chipped away and took a lead in the fourth, but the Pelicans quickly snatched it back. Davis made all 12 of his foul shots in the game, including four in a row to close it out. Holiday finished with 19 points.

The Pelicans improved to 6-17 on the road, including 2-10 versus the West.

Montrezl Harrell led the Clippers with 26 points and 10 rebounds. Danilo Gallinari added 25 points, and Tobias Harris had 21.

**JAZZ 100, PISTONS 94**

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** — Donovan Mitchell scored 28 points and Rudy Gobert tied a career high with 25 rebounds to propel Utah past Detroit.

Kyle Korver had 19 points, including five 3-pointers, to help the Jazz win for the sixth time in seven games. Gobert finished with 18 points and two blocks. Mitchell has poured in at least 26 points in six consecutive games, the best such stretch of his career.

Utah has won five straight against the Pistons and 23 of 27 in the series.

Blake Griffin scored 19 points and Andre Drummond contributed 15 points and 13 rebounds for the Pistons, who have lost five of six.

**KINGS 115, TRAIL BLAZERS 107**

**SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)** — De'Aaron Fox scored 16 points and made a key 3-pointer with 1:30 remaining as Sacramento beat Portland.

Fox also had nine assists, Buddy Hield scored 19 points and Marvin Bagley III added 13 points and 11 rebounds. The Kings have won three straight and four of five.

Damian Lillard had 35 points to become the fastest player in Portland history to reach 12,000 for his career. Jusuf Nurkic had six points and 11 rebounds. CJ McCollum scored six points on 2-of-14 shooting.

The Trail Blazers, playing the second half of a back-to-back, have lost two straight since winning four in a row. □



# Serena Williams wins Australian Open return; Venus gets by

By HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)

— This was quite a return for Serena Williams. Almost as if she never left.

In her first match at the Australian Open since winning the 2017 title while pregnant — and her first official match anywhere since a loss in the chaotic U.S. Open final last September — Williams looked to be at her dominant best, overpowering Tatjana Maria 6-0, 6-2 in the first round Tuesday.

"I kind of like to jump in the deep end and swim," Williams said in an on-court interview after the 49-minute workout, "and see what happens."

She hadn't dipped her toe in Grand Slam waters since New York, where everything devolved after Williams was warned for getting coaching, then docked a point for breaking a racket and eventually docked a game for calling the chair umpire "a thief" during the final.

When that match was mentioned by a reporter during Williams' news conference Tuesday, as part of a question about whether coaching should be allowed during matches at majors, she replied, "I, like, literally have no comment."

Truth be told, the match against Maria was not much of a test for Williams, given that the 74th-ranked German entered with an 11-15 record in first-round matches at Grand Slam tournaments, only once has made it as far as the third round at any major and owns a total of one career WTA title after a dozen years on the tour.

Williams, meanwhile, is pursuing an eighth title in Melbourne and 24th Slam singles trophy overall, which would equal Margaret Court — whose career spanned the amateur and professional eras — for the most in tennis history.

"I have been going for the record (for) what seems like forever now," the 37-year-old Williams said, "so it doesn't feel any different." How lopsided was this?

Williams needed all of 18



United States' Serena Williams reacts after hitting a backhand return during her first round match against Germany's Tatjana Maria at the Australian Open tennis championships in Melbourne, Australia, Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2019.

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minutes to wrap up the first set, ceding just five of 29 points along the way.

The American, a former No. 1 who is seeded 16th on account of playing only 24 matches in 2018, never faced a single break point and compiled a 22-7 edge in winners.

"Maybe," Maria said afterward, "I was a little bit overwhelmed."

Just a little bit.

The two players have homes near each other in a gated community in Florida — "We do sometimes barbecue together," Maria said — and their daughters — Williams' is 16 months old; Maria's is 5 years old — share play dates.

"I think the last time I was here, I was actually pregnant and playing at the same time, which is insane," Williams said. "It was kind of weird walking back on — by myself, this time."

Other seeded winners Tuesday included No. 4 Naomi Osaka, No. 7 Karolina Pliskova, No. 12 Elise Mertens, No. 13 Anastasija Sevastova, No. 17 Madison Keys and No. 18 Garbine Mu-

guruza among the women, plus No. 4 Alexander Zverev, No. 8 Kei Nishikori, No. 11 Borna Coric and No. 12 Fabio Fognini among the men.

Both Nishikori, who had dropped the opening two sets against qualifier Kamil Majchrzak, and Fognini advanced when their opponents retired mid-match.

French Open finalist Dominic Thiem went the distance against Benoit Paire before wrapping up a 6-4, 6-3, 5-7, 1-6, 6-3 win just after 2 a.m.

Williams' older sister, Venus, is unseeded at a major for the first time in five years and she was a game from a first-round exit before coming all the way back to eliminate 25th-seeded Mihaela Buzarnescu 6-7 (3), 7-6 (3), 6-2.

She is a seven-time major champion and a two-time runner-up in Australia but is currently ranked only 36th. The tournament's two No. 1 seeds, Novak Djokovic and Simona Halep, played at night and both won — although in contrasting fashion. Djokovic eliminated

Mitchell Krueger of the U.S. 6-3, 6-2, 6-2, while Halep trailed by a set and a break before coming back to beat Kaia Kanepi 6-7 (2), 6-4, 6-2 and avoid becoming the first top-seeded woman in 40 years to lose her opening match at the Australian Open.

Krueger was part of a rough day for American men, who went 1-5 Tuesday; Ryan Harrison had the lone victory.

Two years ago, no one knew Serena Williams was carrying her child while winning her 23rd major to break a tie with Steffi Graf for the most in the half-century professional era. Her baby, Olympia, was born on Sept. 1, 2017, and Williams was off the tour until last March.

Her Grand Slam return came at the 2018 French Open, where she reached the fourth round before withdrawing with an injured chest muscle, and was followed by runner-up showings at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open.

Because of a health scare after giving birth, Serena

wears compression stockings during matches to try to make sure she doesn't get blood clots again.

On a humid afternoon with the temperature topping 90 degrees (32 Celsius) Tuesday, she wore a green leotard of sorts — she called it a "Serena-tard" — and while her dangerous serve produced only two aces, her other, considerable, tools were in working order.

When she returned to the tour last season, she often was asked to rate herself in comparison to how good she played in the past.

The younger Williams sister has no interest in that sort of comparison now.

"I don't want to give myself a ranking anymore. I think it gives me too much negative expectations. I always expect to reach the sky, and anything below it is not good enough for me," said Serena, who'll face 2014 Wimbledon runner-up Eugenie Bouchard next. "I don't know. I just know that I'm going in the right direction. I feel like I'm in the right direction. We'll see." □



# Former major leaguer Wetteland charged with child sex abuse

DENTON, Texas (AP) — Former major league pitcher John Wetteland has been charged in Texas with continuous sex abuse of a child under age 14.

Denton County jail records show the 52-year-old Wetteland was arrested Monday and freed on \$25,000 bond.

Authorities have not released details of the investigation into the Texas Rangers Hall of Famer.

The Associated Press was not able to contact Wetteland or his attorney to ask for comment. The Denton County district attorney's office hasn't returned a phone message requesting details.

Wetteland was MVP of the 1996 World Series with the



This booking photo provided by the Denton County Jail shows John Wetteland.

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New York Yankees. The All-Star closer was 48-45 with 330 saves and a 2.93 ERA from 1989-2000, also playing for Montreal and the Dodgers.



Syracuse players celebrate as time expires during overtime in an NCAA college basketball game against Duke in Durham, N.C., Monday, Jan. 14, 2019.

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## Orange land a plum: \$150,000 donation follows Syracuse upset

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — A central New York businessman says he's following through with a pledge to donate \$150,000 to area Boys & Girls Clubs in the aftermath of Syracuse's upset of No. 1 Duke.

Adam Weitsman, a well-known Orange fan and owner of recycling and shredding business, posted on Facebook before the game that he would make

the donation if Syracuse won. The visiting Orange upset the Blue Devils 95-91 in overtime Monday night. Weitsman tells the Post-Standard of Syracuse that on the way to the game at Cameron Indoor Stadium he was reading about a Syracuse recruit who learned to play the game at the Boys & Girls Club in Rochester, New York.

That's when the idea of

the donation came to him. Weitsman's grandfather was a founding member of a Boys & Girls Club in New York. Also, the foundation of Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim and wife Juli supports branches of the organization. Weitsman was among a group of Syracuse fans that sat behind the team bench for the victory. He says "it's amazing to be able to help them out."



In this Aug. 3, 2017, file photo, host/executive producer Steve Harvey participates in the "Steve" panel during the NBC Television Critics Association Summer Press Tour in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Associated Press

## Steve Harvey to host NFL Honors when AP awards are announced

By The Associated Press

TV personality Steve Harvey will host the NFL Honors show on Feb. 2, when The Associated Press hands out its individual league awards.

The two-hour prime-time show airing on CBS will be held at the Fox Theatre in Atlanta. Harvey hosts the

daytime talk show "Steve," the children's variety series "Little Big Shots" and the game show "Family Feud," as well as a syndicated radio show. While hosting the Miss Universe pageant in 2015, Harvey accidentally named the wrong woman as the winner during the live broadcast.

## Al-Attiyah headed for Dakar win; Price new motorbikes leader

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Nasser Al-Attiyah looks set to win the Dakar Rally again while Toby Price was the latest rider to take the motorbike lead after the eighth stage on Tuesday.

Apart from a slow puncture, Al-Attiyah stayed remarkably blunder-free again on the 360-kilometer, four-hour course from San Juan de Marcona north up the Peruvian coast to Pisco. He extended the lead he's held for all but one day from 29 minutes to 46.

Barring a major mistake he hasn't looked like making, the Qatari will win the

world's toughest rally for a third time on Thursday after taking the title in 2011 and 2015. He's been runner-up three other times, including last year.

The man he regards as his biggest rival, 13-time champion Stephane Peterhansel, found trouble along with the likes of defending champion Carlos Sainz and Cyril Despres in the dunes of Ica. Peterhansel got stuck in the sand twice and lost half an hour, dropping him from second in the general standings to fourth, 53 minutes behind Al-Attiyah.

"Maybe there are other drivers that are faster, but our main target is Stephane," Al-Attiyah said. "Now he is behind, so we'll try to manage the next two days."

Peterhansel can still fight for a podium place with Nani Roma and Sebastien Loeb, who are only seven minutes ahead of him. The rest of the dwindling field is more than an hour behind. Loeb won the stage, his fourth of the rally, by seven minutes from Al-Attiyah. Loeb endured an early puncture but otherwise enjoyed a clean stage.



# Swimming body ends threat to ban breakaway athletes

By GRAHAM DUNBAR

AP Sports Writer

**GENEVA (AP)** — In a standoff about the right of swimmers to compete for improved prize money, governing body FINA on Tuesday lifted its threat to ban those taking part in independently run competitions.

FINA has been criticized in recent weeks by top swimmers who want more say in how their sport is run and more opportunities to be financially rewarded.

Olympic and world champions filed an antitrust suit in California last month after FINA's threats to ban swimmers who competed in a December meeting linked to the proposed International Swimming League.

"FINA acknowledges that swimmers are free to participate in competitions or events staged by independent organizers," the Switzerland-based swim body said after consulting with national federations.

However, results and records will be unofficial if ISL organizers fail to get FINA's approval, including fitting into the official events calendar and running an approved doping control program.

FINA has countered the ISL with a proposed three-meet series starting in March and paying \$3.9 million in prize money. It also topped up the prize fund by almost \$1 million for the short-course world championships held in China last

month.

Conflict between FINA and swimmers increased before the scheduled privately run meeting in December in Turin, Italy. It was canceled amid the threatened bans.

"ISL takes swimmers seriously, not like FINA," Hungarian swim great Katinka Hosszu said in December, joining American swimmers Tom Shields and Michael Andrew in filing the class action suit in California.

The proposed ISL also filed a separate suit against FINA in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California. It is backed by Moscow-based businessman Konstantin Grigorishin, who met a group of top swimmers in London last month.

In a similar case, Dutch speedskaters won a European Commission ruling in Brussels in 2017 against the Swiss-based International Skating Union. They had wanted to compete in a South Korean-organized event in Dubai but were threatened with bans.

The revised FINA policy followed advice from its legal counsel, Francois Carrard, who is a key International Olympic Committee adviser after being its long-time director general.

"FINA's business is not to punish athletes," Carrard said in the FINA statement. "FINA recognizes the right of athletes to participate in any swimming event. However, this participation should respect the frame of sport structure." □



United States' Mikaela Shiffrin competes during an alpine ski, women's World Cup giant slalom, in Kronplatz, Italy, Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2019.

## KRON PLATZ

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Shiffrin often does not celebrate her victories, but she raised her arms emphatically to rejoice over this one.

"When I came here I was thinking, 'Well the last years didn't go so well for me.' I always struggled with this hill. But I was still excited to ski on it and to prove myself that I can ski it fast and make it to the finish."

Having established a massive 1.39-second advantage in the opening leg, Shiffrin finished a comfortable 1.21 seconds ahead of Tessa Worley of France in perfect conditions to earn her 10th victory of the season. Marta Bassino of Italy moved up from fourth after the first run to finish third, 1.57 back.

The overall World Cup leader and Olympic champion in giant slalom, Shiffrin is within striking distance of the all-time record of 14 wins in a single season set by Swiss great Vreni Schneider in 1988-89. Lindsey Vonn is second on the list with 12 wins in 2011-12.

It was the 53rd win of Shiffrin's career, and first in San

Vigilio.

Shiffrin was fifth here in 2017 and had an uncharacteristic fall in the first run last year, producing the unusual sight of her falling on a slope that features a 61 percent gradient — one of the steepest tests on the women's circuit.

Then she went out and produced a first run that "was maybe my best run in GS in a race that I ever did."

"But I even felt like, 'OK, I can be more precise.' So it was a good mindset to go in the second run. I wasn't trying to protect the win, I was trying to ski another run like I did in the first and maybe in some terms better. Both runs the whole day were really perfect." Shiffrin claimed the lead in the GS standings, moving 10 points ahead of Worley and 45 points ahead of previous leader Federica Brignone of Italy, who finished sixth.

It was Worley's third straight podium result following third-place finishes in GS races in Courchevel, France, and Semmering, Austria — having won the season-opening GS in Soelden, Austria, in Octo-

ber.

"I'm battling with the first places in every race," Worley said. "A lot of girls are able to get on the podium." Bassino matched her third-place result on this course from two years ago, having finished fourth last year, and ended a podium drought in GS dating to the 2016-17 season.

"To finally do it here in Italy with this crowd is an amazing feeling," Bassino said.

Petra Vlhova of Slovakia finished fourth and Viktoria Rebensburg, the German who won this race last year, came fifth.

In the overall standings, Shiffrin extended her lead over Vlhova to a whopping 496 points as she seeks a third straight title.

Nina O'Brien, Shiffrin's teammate and a university student, finished 26th for her first career points in GS.

Up next on the women's circuit are two downhill and a super-G in nearby Cortina d'Ampezzo from Friday to Sunday. Shiffrin plans to skip the Cortina downhills but will race the super-G, while Lindsey Vonn will open her injury-delayed season in Cortina. □

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## By: Dr Carlos Viana

Detoxification is one of the more widely used concepts in natural medicine. In regular, allopathic medicine 'detox' refers to the medical treatment of an alcoholic or drug addict involving abstinence from drink or drugs until the bloodstream is free of toxins. Natural medicine believes that illnesses can be caused by the accumulation of harmful substances (toxins) in the body. In my 3-Step Biocompatible Medicine protocol, Step #1 is Identify and Eliminate toxins.

There is no "magic pill" or procedure that instantly cleans your body from all the accumulated poisons. Think all the ways waste needs to be removed from your home. There is toilet waste, shower and sinks; food, paper and packaging waste. Laundry and dishes, gardens, outdoor spaces need to be weeded and cleaned and don't forget endless dusting. Cleaning around your house requires daily, weekly and seasonally attention not to become an overwhelming mess. Cleansing your body is no different. The first step is to drink enough mineral water, daily. Water is considered the greatest solvent in the world because it dissolves more substances than any other liquid. As water travels through your body, it takes along with it vitamins and nutrients that are vital to life. Water dilutes the concentration of a liquid. I have had patients, having to take medication for "thick blood", who resolved their blood thickness by drinking more water. Enough water daily is: 1Qt./liter of mineral water for every 66lbs./30kg. of body weight. If you have trouble drinking sufficient water, you can try adding fresh lemon juice, this is especially important for blood type A and AB, who's body's do not produce enough stomach acid. You actually treat acid with acid, but, be careful to choose a "good" acid like fresh lemon or lime or natural apple cider vinegar. This is a good

## How your body Detoxifies

"cleanser" helping balance the body's PH levels taken in the morning upon waking. Elimination of fried, convenience, junk foods is the next thing after water to detoxify the body. When junk food is consumed, the excess fat, carbohydrates, and processed sugar contribute to an increased risk of obesity, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, weight gain, and many other chronic health conditions. All these medical risks lower your body's ability to remove toxic poisons.

Your immune system begins to develop the day you are born when your mother's bacteria reaches your colon and stimulates the immune cells in the wall of the colon. Up to 70% of your immune system lives in the wall of the colon. Therefore, for it to be performing well and helping you to fight the deluge of viruses and bacteria, your digestive system needs to be in tiptop condition.

Constipation will have a negative effect on your immune system. First, constipation slows down the movement within your intestines, which means that food matter and waste gets stuck preventing absorption of nutrients needed to support the immune system. Other effects of constipation are inflammation and bloating. Over time this will weaken your immune system, making you more susceptible to viruses.

Colon Hydro-Therapy, or a "Colonic" done by a certified professional is a great way to clean or detoxify the body. As a Colon Hydro-Therapist, I witness small miracles washing the colons of sick patients. "Out of fashion" but our grandparents remember a smaller, home version of this is as an enema. I do not recommend the modern pharmacy version of this; some enema bottles come with a prepared solution. This "solution" can be irritating and I recommend, using just clean, warm water. In some cases a "coffee enema" is recommended, but a professional should supervise this. Colon therapy washes the colon with warm water to clean out old waste and toxins. After treatment, we then give pro-biotics (pro=for, biotic = life/ "For Life"). The most well known is acidophilus.

This helps replenish the beneficial bacteria in your colon's immune system. I recommend acidophilus anytime an antibiotic is taken to offset the negative side effects of the drug.

Many of our patients have lost their gallbladder or the liver is so overworked attempting to clean toxins, it is not able to produce healthy bile. Your liver is responsible for cleaning toxins and wastes from your blood, and separating the useful nutrients to synthesize hundreds of chemicals that your body needs for daily functioning. Your liver also activates and regulates hormones.

Your liver detoxifies harmful substances in two steps. The first step uses enzymes from the pancreas and oxygen to burn toxins, especially fats, so they are more soluble, making them easier to eliminate. If your pancreas is not working properly, it cannot produce the enzymes for digestion and detoxification. In this case we recommend taking natural digestive enzymes with meals as support. Without a gall bladder is it important to supplement with lecithin granules. Our clinic uses specialized testing to see the liver's ability to detox properly. With results, we can recommend treatment.

Get The Point! Detoxification is helpful for those suffering from many chronic diseases, including allergies, anxiety, arthritis, asthma, infections, depression, diabetes, headaches, heart disease, high cholesterol, low blood sugar levels, digestive disorders, mental illness, and obesity, as well as for those who have been exposed to high levels of toxic materials due to accident or occupation. However, like keeping your home clean, there are many steps and ways to detoxify. Your body systems are made to keep it running in good condition, but "modern lifestyle can sometimes "clogged up" the natural process so it may need a little help. Most people should consult with a professional before starting a "detox program." Contact us to help you "Identify and safely Eliminate" toxins from your body safely and effectively. □

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# US indexes climb as Netflix leads internet stock surge

By MARLEY JAY

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Stocks in the U.S. are rising Tuesday as Netflix leads a rally in internet and technology companies after saying it will raise prices for its subscription plans in the U.S.

Health care companies rose and banks fell as major companies including UnitedHealth and JPMorgan Chase announced their fourth-quarter results.

The British pound is weakening as U.K. legislators prepare to vote on Prime Minister Theresa May's plan detailing the country's departure from the European Union. The proposal appears likely to be rejected.

Asian stocks rose after China's government said it plans to cut taxes.

**KEEPING SCORE:** The S&P 500 index rose 19 points, or 0.8 percent, to 2,601 at 11 a.m. Eastern time. It had slipped for two days in a row after a six-day winning streak. The Dow Jones Industrial Average added 90 points, or 0.4 percent, to 24,000. The technology-heavy Nasdaq composite jumped 86 points, or 1.3 percent, to 6,991. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks edged up 5 points, or 0.4 percent, to 1,438.

**BANDER-SNATCHING MORE DOLLARS:** Netflix announced the biggest price increase in its history. The price of its most popular video-streaming plan will rise \$13 per month from \$11. That will help to pay for Netflix's huge investment in original shows and films and finance the heavy debt it has assumed to ward off rivals such as Amazon, Disney and AT&T. Its stock climbed 5.8 percent



In this Jan. 11, 2019, file photo, Specialist John O'Hara, left, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

Associated Press

to \$352.22. Netflix stock has jumped more than 30 percent in 2019 but was worth almost \$420 a share in July. Elsewhere Facebook gained 2.8 percent to \$149.47 and Alphabet, Google's parent company, picked up 2.1 percent to \$1,073. Microsoft rose 2.4 percent to \$104.46 and Adobe climbed 2.8 percent to \$241.07.

**BANKS BOINK:** JPMorgan Chase's fourth quarter profits badly missed analysts' expectations on Tuesday as its bond-trading business struggled during the extremely volatile fourth quarter. Its stock lost 0.8 percent to \$100.11.

Citigroup also reported weak results from its bond trading business Monday. While banks with trading desks typically benefit from volatility, the last three months of 2018 were too wild even for traders on Wall Street.

Wells Fargo, the consumer banking giant, said its fourth-quarter profits fell slightly on Tuesday as the bank remains restrained by federal regulators, who put a tight leash on it after years of scandals and missteps. It gave up 2.5 percent to \$47.19.

**BRITAIN VOTE:** British lawmakers will begin their vote Tuesday afternoon, after the U.K. stock market closes. It still appears the plan will be voted down. Lawmakers who want Britain to leave the EU say the deal will leave Britain bound indefinitely to EU rules, while pro-EU politicians favor an even closer economic relationship with the bloc than

the one May and European leaders negotiated.

If the deal is defeated, it's not clear what will happen to May's government or the economies and financial systems of Britain and the rest of Europe. Britain is scheduled to leave the EU on March 29.

The pound weakened to \$1.2806 from \$1.2865, and the British FTSE 100 index rose 0.7 percent. It's down 11 percent over the last year.

**PAINT IT BLACK:** Paint and coatings maker Sherwin-Williams said it was "disappointed" with its sales in October and November, and its profit and sales in

the fourth quarter fell short of Wall Street's estimates. Its stock fell 5.7 percent to \$375.20. Other coatings makers also struggled. 3M shed 1.5 percent to \$189.37 and PPG Industries lost skidded 1.5 percent to \$100.43. Home improvement retailer Home Depot gave up 1.32 percent to \$176.60 and Lowe's slid 2.2 percent to \$94.79.

**HEALTH CARE GETS A CHECKUP:** UnitedHealth rose 2.3 percent to \$253.97 after saying its Optum pharmacy benefits management business had another strong quarter. United is the largest health insurer in the U.S. and the first to report its results, so it's often seen as a bellwether for the industry.

Boston Scientific and Edwards ended a lawsuit over patents that cover products including replacement heart valves and valve repair devices. Edwards paid Boston Scientific \$180 million. Edwards jumped 7.9 percent to \$161.24 and Boston Scientific gained 4.3 percent to \$36.82.

**CHINA'S ECONOMY:** Chinese leaders plan to slash taxes, increase government spending, and provide financing to private and small enterprises in a bid to strengthen the world's second-largest economy. China is enduring its worst slowdown since the global financial crisis amid a punishing tariffs dispute with the U.S. □

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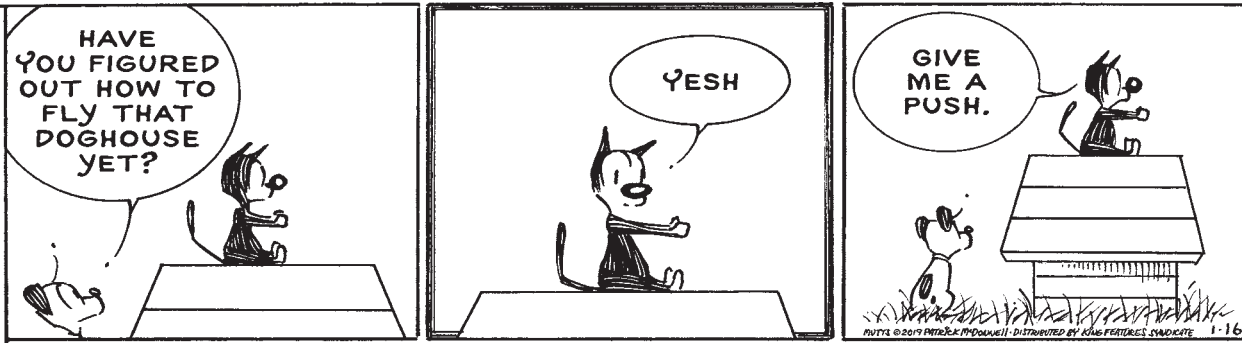
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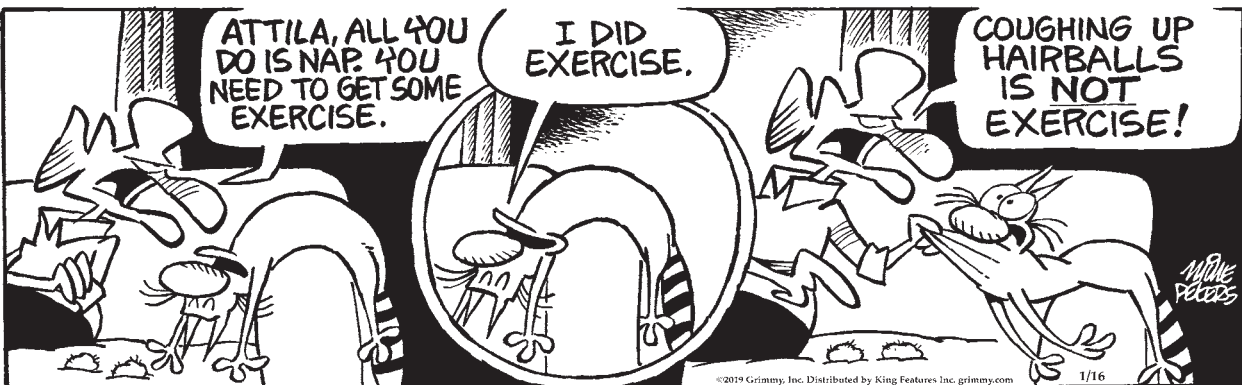
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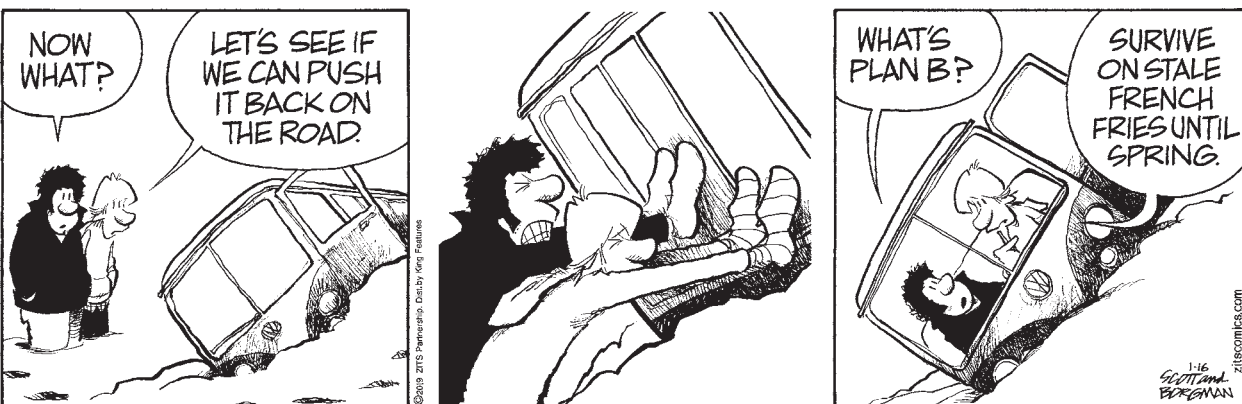
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## Conceptis Sudoku

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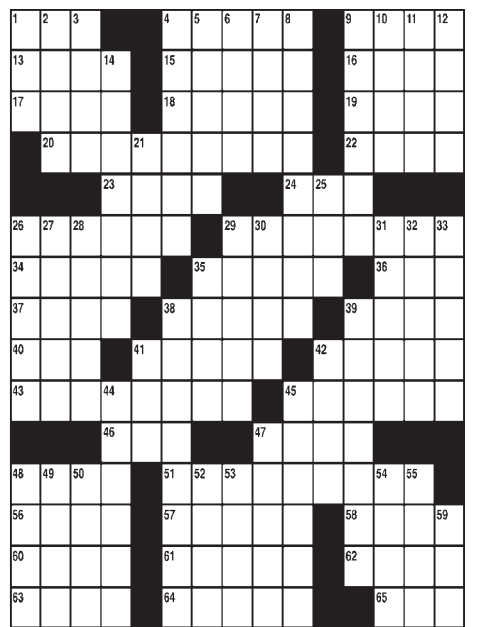
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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9	6	4	1	5	8	3	7	2
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1	2	3	5	9	4	6	8	7
6	9	5	7	8	3	1	2	4
4	7	8	2	6	1	5	9	3

## ACROSS

- Cochlea's place
- Toboggans
- Unit of farmland
- Perishes
- WWII hero — Murphy
- TV's Donahue
- Strike with the palm
- Enjoyed a snow sport
- Heavy volume
- Popular pasta
- Applied frosting
- Regrets
- PC alternative
- Newspaper section
- Nice
- Tiny skin openings
- Fine dishes
- Newsman Dobbs
- Highway
- In the air
- Shapeless mass
- Put on an —; pretend
- Do penance
- Waterbirds
- Seminary course
- Killer
- Curved edge
- Enlarge a hole
- Jeremiah — bullfrog...
- About to occur
- Cast — skillet
- in; prepares to take a close-up
- Tidy
- Conceited
- Albert or Fisher
- Hearts or Old Maid
- Excessive publicity
- Takes a break
- Threw one's hat in the ring



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## 4

- Girl Scout accessories
- Namesakes of actor Perry
- Correct text
- Count calories
- Residue under a liquid
- Garrets
- Gator's cousin
- Capital city in Europe
- Open —; alert
- Shadowboxed
- Courage; nerve
- Motorists' org.
- "Jack — could eat no fat..."
- Boxer or beagle
- Preach
- Insincere
- Classic board game
- Narrow backstreet
- Lasso's end
- Tater or yam
- Drain problem
- Spray perfume bottle

## DOWN

- McMahon & Begley
- Needs a doctor
- Gather crops

## Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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- Pleased
- Juicy fruit
- Perceives
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# APNewsBreak: Agency built pen for possible horse slaughter

By SCOTT SONNER

**RENO, Nev. (AP)** — The U.S. Forest Service has built its first corral for wild horses, which could allow it to bypass federal restrictions and sell the animals for slaughter.

The agency acknowledged in court filings in a potentially precedent-setting legal battle that it built the new pen in Northern California for mustangs gathered in the fall on national forest land along the Nevada border because of restrictions on such sales at other federal holding facilities.

The agency denies claims by horse advocates it has made up its mind to sell the more than 250 horses for slaughter. But it also says it may have no choice because of the high cost of housing the animals and continued ecological impacts it claims overpopulated herds are having on federal rangeland.

"While slaughtering wild horses does not present a pleasant picture, the reality of this dire situation is not pleasant," Justice Department lawyers representing the agency wrote in its most recent filing last month. "The Forest Service is taking a step to reduce



In this June 5, 2013 photo, some of the hundreds of mustangs the U.S. Bureau of Land Management removed from federal rangeland peer at visitors at the BLM's Palomino Valley holding facility about 20 miles north of Reno in Palomino Valley, Nev.

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what is universally recognized as a natural catastrophe."

Horse advocates have been suing the government for two decades over mustang roundups that private ranchers say are necessary to curb growing herds that reduce the forage on federal lands they lease for

cattle and sheep grazing across the U.S. West. The region holds roughly 90,000 wild horses.

A sharp reduction in demand in recent years for a federal program that offers the horses for adoption to the public has left little room in existing corrals. Horse advocates argue the

mustangs are federally protected and that taxpayers subsidize the livestock grazing on U.S. land.

A hearing is scheduled Jan. 31 in federal court in San Francisco on a motion filed by the Animal Legal Defense Fund and American Wild Horse Campaign seeking an injunction to

block the sale of the horses captured in the Modoc National Forest in October and November for possible slaughter. The new pen is in the forest, about 170 miles (273 kilometers) northwest of Reno.

Forest Service Chief Vicki Christiansen announced late last year she would postpone any sales for slaughter until at least Feb. 18. The protection groups say it would be the first time in nearly a half-century the government has sold mustangs "without limitation," or for any purpose, including slaughter.

Horse slaughterhouses are prohibited in the U.S. but legal in many other countries, including Canada, Mexico and parts of Europe where horse meat is considered a delicacy.

The Wild Free Roaming Horse and Burros Act that President Nixon signed into law in 1971 prohibits the inhumane destruction of wild horses. Congress approved an appropriations amendment in 2004 that allows the Forest Service, under its parent Agriculture Department, to sell horses without limitations if they're over age 10 and have been offered for adoption three times unsuccessfully. □



This image made from a video taken on Jan. 7, 2019, shows dead fish along the Darling River bank in Menindee, New South Wales, Australia.

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## Australian state to pump oxygen into rivers as fish die

By ROD McGUIRK

**CANBERRA, Australia (AP)** — An Australian state government on Tuesday announced plans to mechanically pump oxygen into lakes and rivers after hundreds of thousands of fish have died in heatwave conditions.

Up to a million dead fish were found floating last week in the Darling River in western New South Wales state and the state government announced that 1,800 more rotting fish had since been found in Lake Hume in the state's south. Minister for Regional Water Niall Blair said 16 battery-powered aerators

had been bought and would be placed in various drought-affected waterways after they are delivered by Wednesday.

"They are a Band-Aid solution; we admit that," Blair told reporters.

"Nothing will stop this fish kill unless we get proper river flows and water levels in our dams back up to normal. We are doing everything we can to try and limit the damage," he added. Experts blame heatwave conditions across much of Australia, drought and algal blooms for starving waterways of oxygen.

Blair rejected some criticisms that governments

were allowing irrigators to take too much water from the Murray-Darling Basin, Australia's main river system, which winds across four states and is where a third of the nation's food is produced.

Water experts were meeting in Canberra on Tuesday to decide how the nation should respond to the water quality crisis.

Australian National University water expert Daniel Connell said many more fish would likely die with heatwave conditions forecast to continue until the weekend.

"It's a very predictable crisis," Connell said. □

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# Jimmy Fallon: Puerto Rican episode a 'love letter' to island

By LYNN ELBER

Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Jimmy Fallon said a "Tonight Show" episode taped in Puerto Rico with "Hamilton" creator Lin-Manuel Miranda is a love letter to the island still in hurricane-recovery mode.

"It's a real celebration of Puerto Rico," Fallon told The Associated Press of Tuesday's episode of the NBC late-night show. "It's not just a pity party, it's a party party."

The show aims to boost tourism and let viewers know about other ways to help in the rebuilding, Fallon said. In return, the host promised, they'll get a "full-on variety show."

"It's one of the best shows, if not the best show, we've ever done. It's amazing," he said.

The inspiration to take New York-based "Tonight" to the

island came from Miranda, who is of Puerto Rican heritage and told Fallon last year of his plan to stage an island run of "Hamilton," which opened Friday in San Juan.

Miranda, with a little one-time help from Fallon, performs "The Story of Tonight" number from his Broadway hit on Tuesday's broadcast. Miranda is raising relief money in the U.S. territory for artists and cultural groups that were devastated by 2017's Hurricane Maria.

Music artists Bad Bunny, Jose Feliciano and Ozuna also are featured, and Fallon showcases island activities and plays foodie with chef-activist Jose Andres, who led a grass-roots effort to feed residents of the devastated island.

A music video with Fallon, Bad Bunny and "Tonight" house band The Roots was



This image released by NBC shows Jimmy Fallon, host of "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon," left, with Lin-Manuel Miranda, center, and a member of the cast from the musical "Hamilton," at the Luis A. Ferré Performing Arts Center in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Associated Press

filmed in San Juan's historic district and includes marching bands and dancers, the host said.

"Tonight" closes with Feliciano and Ozuna singing the beloved Puerto Rican tune "En Mi Viejo San Juan" ("In My Old San Juan").

The show aims to highlight Puerto Rico's culture as well as what it still faces after the disaster, including restoration costs estimated by the government at more than \$130 billion.

Fallon said he's been asked by some people why he

and "Tonight" took on the complicated, costly episode when he's not from Puerto Rico. He has a ready answer.

"But I'm American, and we've got to step up, we've got to help each other," he said. "That's the message that Lin and Jose are sending through their charities and what they're doing."

The pleased reaction from Puerto Ricans to the show's presence was overwhelming, he told the AP on Monday: "I said 'gracias' so much, my Spanish got much better."

The episode reflects the show's effort to stay fresh, Fallon said.

"We're always changing, always doing something different and always growing. And I think it's good, as my mom would say, to get out of the house" and, for Fallon, hit the road to meet the show's viewers. □

# Sports Illustrated Swimsuit issue moves to May publication

By MARK KENNEDY

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The upcoming Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue is moving its publication date, pushing it from the chill of February to warmer May, closer to bikini-weather.

Editor of the issue MJ Day tells The Associated Press the shift makes more sense for greater impact. "This is where it works, this is where it's great," she said. "It's always hard to think about buying a swimsuit when it's 18 degrees out."

Day, who spoke by phone from a warm but undisclosed spot where some of the upcoming swimsuit issue will be photographed, said May is the time when many readers start to think about beaches and pools. The switch also unlocks other locations in the world for the models and photographers, who usually need to have wrapped up photographing eight weeks before the issue goes to print. "We were so limited with our timing," said Day, who has been with the magazine since 1998. "There's been a whole set of places that



In this Feb. 14, 2018 file photo, model Danielle Herrington, from left, Sports Illustrated editor-in-chief Chris Stone, S.I. Swimsuit editor MJ Day, and model Tyra Banks attend the 2018 Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue launch party in New York.

Associated Press

have been off the table for us because their summers are when we're not shooting."

There was no special reason the month of February was initially chosen 55 years ago for the swimsuit edition.

Back then, it was picked to liven up a slow sports winter month.

"The February placement for the swimsuit issue ... was chosen by the head of Sports Illustrated from years ago to fill a hole in the cal-

endar," Day said. "We were just a stopgap."

The original swimsuit issue ran in 1964. It has been a launching pad for models such as Kathy Ireland, Christie Brinkley, Elle Macpherson, Kate Upton and Ashley

Graham.

Over the years the issue has tried to stay fresh, with painted bikinis, plus-sized models, unedited photos, tiny swimsuits, amputee models, older models and the addition of professional athletes and celebrities in relationships.

"Creating is always a challenge, right?" Day said. "But I think that's what inspires you to do better, to do more and to do different. If it was the same formulaic thing year after year I think that's boring to the creators as well as the viewership."

Last year, in a nod to the #MeToo movement, the issue featured the likes of gymnast Aly Raisman and model Sailor Brinkley Cook posing nude with words like "Every voice matters," "Survivor" and "Abuse is never OK."

The annual swimsuit issue has endured showing off beautiful people wearing very little despite pageants like Miss America dropping the swimsuit portion of the competition and deemphasizing contestants' physical appearance. □



# Vanessa Redgrave, daughter Joely Richardson team in new film

By GREGORY KATZ

**LONDON (AP)** — She first saw the play as a child, when her famous father adapted it from a Henry James novella and played the male lead. Decades later, Vanessa Redgrave acted the role of Miss Tina on stage.

More time has passed, and now she is playing the forbidding grande dame Juliana Bordereau in a movie version of "The Aspern Papers" that opens Friday in the United States, this time with her daughter Joely Richardson cast in the younger woman's role.

"I've been through every version of it," says Redgrave, whose blue eyes still pierce. "My father was in it with two wonderful actresses, which I saw a number of times. Then I was in it much later as Miss Tina, and suddenly I get the chance to be this ferocious Bordereau, the old lady, which is kind of the full stretch of the bow, if you see what I mean."

Redgrave, at 81, still radiates the outspoken intelligence that has characterized her film and stage work, softening only when



British actresses Vanessa Redgrave and her daughter Joely Richardson pose for portrait photographs before an interview with The Associated Press in London, Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019.

Associated Press

looking into the eyes of her daughter — "She's so beautiful," Redgrave coos — or cuddling her poodle-Pomeranian, Zep.

"It was heaven working with Joels," Redgrave says, pronouncing her daughter's nickname as Jules.

It is the fourth time the two

have paired, a sequence that includes Redgrave joining her daughter on the popular TV series "Nip/Tuck" in a number of episodes, including one in which Redgrave sought a facelift from one of the two handsome young plastic surgeons at the heart of the show.

At the time, Richardson — one of the three stars — worried that her mother might not cope well with the demands of weekly television, including the need for quick memorization of dozens of pages of scripts.

Her mom thrived, of course,

even if she's far better known for her dramatic work onstage.

For Richardson, working with her mother highlights what she calls "that Mom-Vanessa thing." It's what happens when your mother has been famous your entire life — and has set a standard in the profession you chose.

"It's so funny, 'cause obviously mom's mom to me, but when I'm talking about her in a professional capacity, I tend to go into calling her Vanessa," Richardson says. "When your mother's public and private, it's a two-name deal." Working with her mother has been revelatory, says Richardson, who has also shared screen and stage time with Judi Dench, Glenn Close, Robert DeNiro and other greats. "Sometimes I see her as Vanessa," says Richardson, 54. "Being on stage with her, it was like, oh my God, this is where it happens. It's in these moments, these magic moments, when she's truly more present than I've ever seen her be, probably, in real life. It's an extraordinary thing." □

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## CBS' Mo Rocca to begin podcast series on 'Mobituaries'



In this May 13, 2015 file photo, Mo Rocca attends the CBS Network 2015 Programming Upfront in New York.

Associated Press

By DAVID BAUDER

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — CBS News "Sunday Morning" correspondent and humorist Mo Rocca has his own spin on obituaries.

In a new podcast and up-

coming book called — wait for it — "Mobituaries" — he takes an intriguing look at the lives and deaths of not just people, but ideas, careers and social movements. The first of eight weekly episodes premieres

Thursday.

The first episode focuses on Vaughn Meader, the comic and John F. Kennedy impersonator with a wildly successful career that essentially ended with that president's assassination in 1963. Rocca draws on an old CBS News interview with Meader that was little-used at the time it was done.

"It's sort of like hearing someone from the grave telling you what it was like to be dead even when he was alive," Rocca said. "It's very raw."

"Mobituaries" casts a wide net: from the "death" of a forgotten sitcom character (Richie Cunningham's older brother on "Happy Days"), to the station wagon, the period of Reconstruction and Herbert Hoover's pre-presidency life. □



# Broadway mourns death of 'Hello, Dolly!' icon Carol Channing

By MARK KENNEDY

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Carol Channing, the lanky, ebullient musical comedy star who delighted American audiences over 5,000 performances as the scheming Dolly Levi in "Hello, Dolly!" on Broadway and beyond, has died. She was 97.

Publicist B. Harlan Boll said Channing died of natural causes at 12:31 a.m. Tuesday in Rancho Mirage, California. Boll says she had twice suffered strokes in the last year.

Besides "Hello, Dolly!," Channing starred in other Broadway shows, but none with equal magnetism. She often appeared on television and in nightclubs, for a time partnering with George Burns in Las Vegas and a national tour.

Her outsized personality seemed too much for the screen, and she made only a few movies, notably "The First Traveling Saleslady" with Ginger Rogers and "Thoroughly Modern Millie" with Julie Andrews.

Over the years, Channing continued as Dolly in national tours, the last in 1996, when she was in her 70s. Tom Shales of The Washington Post called her "the ninth wonder of the world." Messages of love and appreciation lit up Twitter early Tuesday, with the League of Professional Theatre Women saying Channing "was a gift of inspiration to so many." Fans who saw her work also took to social media, calling her a "firecracker" and saying she was "matchmaking for the angels now."

Channing was not the immediate choice to play Dolly, a matchmaker who receives her toughest challenge yet when a rich grump seeks a suitable wife. The show, which features a rousing score by Jerry Herman that's bursting with joy and tunes like "Put On Your Sunday Clothes," "Before the Parade Passes By" and "It Only Takes a Moment," is a musical version of Thornton Wilder's play "The Matchmaker."

Theater producer David Merrick told her: "I don't



This Feb. 24, 1982 file photo shows actress Carol Channing at the Grammy Awards in Los Angeles. Associated Press

want that silly grin with all those teeth that go back to your ears." Even though director Gower Champion had worked on her first Broadway hit, "Lend an Ear," he had doubts about Channing's casting.

She wowed them in an audition and was hired on the spot. At opening night on Jan. 16, 1964, when Channing appeared at the top of the stairs in a red gown with feathers in her hair and walked down the red carpet to the Harmonia Gardens restaurant, the New York audience went crazy. The critics followed suit. "Hello, Dolly!" collected 10 Tony Awards, including one for Channing as best actress in a musical.

Channing was born Jan. 31, 1921, in Seattle, where her father, George Channing, was a newspaper editor. When his only child was 3 months old, he moved to San Francisco and worked as a writer for The Christian Science Monitor and as a lecturer. He later became editor-in-chief of Christian Science publications.

At the age of 7, Channing decided she wanted to become an entertainer. She credited her father with encouraging her: "He told me you can dedicate your life at 7 or 97. And the people

who do that are happier people."

While majoring in drama and dance at Bennington College in Vermont, she was sent off to get experience in her chosen field. She found a job in a New York revue. The show lasted only two weeks, but a New Yorker magazine critic commented, "You will hear more about a satiric chanteuse named Carol Channing." She said later: "That was it. I said goodbye to trigonometry, zoology and English literature."

For several years she worked as an understudy, bit player and nightclub impressionist, taking jobs as a model, receptionist and sales clerk during lean times. Landing in Los Angeles, she auditioned for Marge Champion, wife and dance partner of Gower Champion who was putting together a revue, "Lend an Ear." Marge Champion recalled: "She certainly was awkward and odd-looking, but her warmth and wholesomeness came through."

Channing was the hit of "Lend an Ear" in a small Hollywood theater, and she captivated audiences and critics when the show moved to New York. As the innocent gold digger in the

musical "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," her stardom was assured. One reviewer reported she "hurls across the footlights in broad strokes of pantomime and bold, certain, exquisitely comical gestures." The show's hit song, "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend," became her signature number.

Over and over again she returned to the surefire "Hello, Dolly!," which earned her \$5 million on one tour. She considered Dolly Levi "a role as deep as Lady Macbeth," but added that "the essence of her character was her unquenchable thirst for life." That description fit Carol Channing, who attributed her sunny optimism to her lifelong faith in Christian Science.

Others who have played the role include Pearl Bailey, Phyllis Diller, Betty Grable, Ethel Merman, Martha Raye, Ginger Rogers and Barbra Streisand, who played Dolly in a 1969 film version directed by Gene Kelly. Bette Midler won a Tony Award in the role in 2017 and a current national tour stars Betty Buckley.

The tour of "Hello, Dolly!" said Tuesday it would honor Channing at its current stop in California. "We are deeply saddened by the passing of the one and only Carol

Channing. She was a 'Dolly' for the ages, and a true icon of the American theater. Betty Buckley and the cast will dedicate tonight's performance in San Diego to her memory."

Channing had two early marriages that ended in divorce — to novelist Theodore Naidish and pro footballer Alexander Carson, father of her only child, Channing. Her son became a successful political cartoonist.

In 1956 she married a television producer, Charles Lowe, who seemed like the perfect mate for a major star. He adopted Channing's son and supervised every aspect of her business affairs and appearances. He reportedly viewed every one of her performances from out front, leading the applause.

After 41 years of marriage, she sued for divorce in 1998, alleging that he misappropriated her funds and humiliated her in public. She remarked that they only had sex twice in four decades.

"The only thing about control freak victims is that they don't know who they are," she told The Washington Post. "It's taken me 77 years to figure that out. I was miserable. I was unhappy. And I didn't realize it wasn't my fault. But I'm going to survive. I'm going to live. I'm free."

Lowe died after a stroke in 1999. Channing moved to Rancho Mirage near Palm Springs, California, in 2000 to write her memoirs. She called the book "Just Lucky, I Guess."

Channing remarried in 2003 to Harry Kulljian, her childhood sweetheart from 70 years before. He died in 2011.

In her book, Channing recounted an early story from her childhood that showed a budding audience-pleasing performer. She wrote that she came home from kindergarten and noted that all the little girls hit the little boys.

Her parents asked: "Do you?"

She responded: "Oh no, I pet them." □



# AEROPUERTO INTERNACIONAL REINA BEATRIX

## now has its own logo.

Aruba Airport Authority N.V. (AAA) company that manages and operates Aeropuerto Internacional Reina Beatrix is excited to introduce an official logo for the airport, separate from the authority.

The logo is very representative of Aruba and one that the people of Aruba can relate to.

### ALOE VERA:

Aloe Vera is one of Aruba's oldest source of income. This plant was the most substantial product distributed world-wide from Aruba. To make a commemoration to this, the plant is included as a national symbol.

### THE SUN:

With year-round sunny days in the Caribbean, the sun is important for the tourism of Aruba. Tourists keep coming back because of our climate.

### INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CODE:

AUA is the international airport code used for Aeropuerto Internacional Reina Beatrix.



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### THE ARROWS:

Aruba Airport serves various markets in regions of the world with 30 gateways spread over these markets. The arrows represent the different markets and destinations from and to Aruba.

Red:	US
Orange:	Canada
Yellow:	Europe
Green:	Latin America
Blue:	Caribbean

The full name of our airport in our native language Papiamentu.